Library Floods
By Barbara A. Johnson

A thirty below zero windchill caused a sprinkler pipe in the library to burst, pouring gallons of stagnant water onto the floor. Library staff and patrons were puzzled as the water trickled along the wall after hearing a cracking sound around 12:45 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 18. Within minutes, the flow was stronger and had a rust color. "It looked like (it was) out of a movie - like blood out of the wall," said Jill Stanley, a staff person in Information Services. "It came down the wall like a sheet, hit the floor and headed east in a wave."

The library was closed for two hours as housekeeping personnel used wet vacs to suck up the water. The water went 40 feet along the floor, into the book stacks. Computer equipment and furniture had to be moved out of the area.

Areas on the first floor below the library were flooded as well. Part of the cafeteria, the Job Locator office and a storage area in Communications Services were doused. Staff people noticed the water and were able to move most files and unplug computers to limit the damage. The sprinkler pipe ran along an outside wall overlooking the main entrance. This line has broken a number of times due to severely cold weather, most notably over Christmas break.

"It's a pin-hole in the metal lets in a blast of cold air and the pipes freeze", according to Mike Foley, PPO director. "It's something we can't even see to fix."

PPO installed 3-inch foam insulation on the outside wall a couple of years ago to prevent the pipe from freezing. When the ceiling tile is lifted, however, the cold air can be felt.

The problem should be solved when the new building entrance is built. Plans call for a new first and second floor to meet the third floor overhang. Bids are open this spring for the project and construction should start in June. The project will take 18 months to complete.

Electric fans are used to dry out flooded aisles in the library. (photo by Barbara A. Johnson)

Goodman-Malamuth Receives Pay Extension

The BGU has voted to extend former GSU President Leo Goodman-Malamuth's administrative leave pay for one month.

Goodman-Malamuth has been on administrative leave since his retirement in August, 1992. BGU Press Secretary Michelle Brazelle said that some administrators are granted administrative leave when they cease to perform their regular duties for the university, but continue to work on some specialized project. Brazelle said Goodman-Malamuth has been working on a project involving telecommunication systems.

University officials who are granted administrative leave receive compensation equal to their regular salary. Goodman-Malamuth will receive approximately $9,000 in GSU funds for the month. Brazelle said that the BGU will cease to have a working relationship.

Proposed GSU Mission Statement

Governors State University is an evolving, dynamic, multiculural learning community. Its regional student body comes from the Chicago metropolitan area as well as areas south and west of its University Park campus. The University's global impact extends beyond the region in two important ways: through advanced electronic technology, and by serving international students.

Governors State University students are as culturally diverse as are their educational needs. The University emphasizes service to a primarily adult, place bound and non-traditional students population. Full-time workers, life-long learners, the economically disadvantaged, women, minorities, single heads of households and the differently abled constitute a major portion of those the University serves. They come to Governors State University to pursue opportunities for personal and career growth. Through the University, they are joined with a network of other learners across the globe: with existing and emerging public and private organizations and with those who live and work in and around the University.

A major focus of Governors State University is to make quality higher education accessible and affordable to upper-division undergraduate and master's level students. Toward this end, the University and its academic programs respond both to the existing educational needs and to the changing educational trends and career needs as they affect the professional development of its students. The academic focus of the University is its under-graduate and graduate programs which blend conceptual learning with application and professional study with learning from the liberal arts and the sciences.

The university's commitment to the development of a culturally diverse faculty and student body is reflected in strong cross-cultural, course offerings and inter-nationally-oriented curricular components. Faculty and staff link students to the programs, guide their learning, and help them achieve academic excellence and success. Programs include opportunities to apply newly learned knowledge in businesses, public agencies and community organizations. The University is a partner and leader in these joint efforts toward economic development and community service.

Faculty teaching strategies and technologies utilize the best of traditional and innovative approaches. These strategies, like the student support systems, are designed to help students with different learning styles, needs, abilities and experiences achieve academic excellence.

To this end, the University offers flexible hours, uses electronic technology, provides counseling, tutoring, and such family support services as child care and transportation.

Above all, Governors State University is a place where its students, its faculty, its staff, and its community learn together throughout their lives.

Student Senate Sponsors Child-Care Assistance

Student Senate is sponsoring a program to provide child-care for needy students.

The pilot program is scheduled to begin during the upcoming spring/summer trimester. Money will be available to provide six hours of child care per week for twenty students. Applications will be available from the office of Student Life after March 10. Child care will be provided by the Student Life Division's Child Care Program.

If the program is successful, more money will be available for the next school year (93-'94). Student Senate members hope the program will allow students to continue their education while fulfilling responsibilities to their children and families. Recipients will be determined strictly by financial need and single parents will receive special consideration.

For information about Student Life's Child Care Program, call 534-4560.
Employee of the Month

Samuel D. Steele is the March Employee of the Month. Mr. Steele is employed by the Physical Plant Operations department as a Building Service Supervisor, and he is responsible for supervising eleven Building Service Workers.

Over the years the number of Building Service Workers has been greatly reduced, but Mr. Steele still manages to get the job done. There have been times when Sam will be called to do special cleaning in an area, and he will do the work himself. He always has the remedy for special cleaning concerns and unusual problems.

During his years of service at GSU, Mr. Steele has worked on Saturdays and Sundays, coming in to check on his crew, or running the machines himself. Sam has been called at home countless times to come in and oversee a special cleaning project. There have been times when he has been on vacation, and he has come in on his days off.

One occasion that Mr. Steele deserves special recognition for is the yearly graduation ceremonies. Sam and his crew take special care in cleaning the building before the activities begin. One moment that made him proud was in 1985 when Pearl Bailey spoke at Commencement. She personally complimented Mr. Steele on the clean and attractive appearance of the building.

No matter how short of help Sam is or how many calls he receives for cleaning requests, one can always count on his cheerful, helpful manner and willingness to get the job done. Sam will make a special effort to help fellow PPO staff in advising what cleaning procedures to use and in general is a helpful, conscientious employee.

Sam Steele will retire at the end of 1993. His fourteen years of dedicated service should not go unnoticed. Sam is truly the employee of the month!
Misappropriated Funds
By Eric Crosby

When Clinton announced his economic plan to the country, he called for a shared sacrifice between the government and its people. However, this shared sacrifice he seeks is skewed against the middle class. He called for a shared sacrifice: "...the informal procedure!" The Army is just as bad. An example of just how bad is the $184 million worth of excess parts 13 Army Divisions stored in January 1990. Unknowingly (they claim) the Army's buyers bought 1,669 of the same items they already had an abundance of. And that was just in one month. Multiply $184 mil. by 12 months and you get a very large number. Between these two departments, I see a dent that could be taken out of the national debt.

Although the Pentagon has begun to implement an inventory reduction plan and congress recently rescinded one billion in secondary item military funding, big league Pentagon waste lives on.

But that is just part of the bad joke. We also can point the finger of waste at other areas. The Forest Service is another favorite. This service wastes a lot of money. The program that the Forest Service follows was designed to make money for the government-owned trees to various private timber companies. However, in reality, this program has lost tax-payers $7 billion in the past 14 years, including this in the expense of building roads leading into federal forests. Timber companies say the program keeps forests healthy and has opened up millions of acres of public land to hikers and campers. But then again, what else would we expect them to say. These companies really don't care. Just as long as they make a profit, "Ah, the American Way!"

But I'm still not finished. Now I would like to turn your attention to the most understated organizations of government. It is not that their function is small, it is the way they spent money that is redundant. They redefine wasting money. The Interior Departments Bureau of Reclamation and Department of Agriculture are my first redundant examples.

In 1990, the Bureau of Reclamation spent $6 million in subsidies to farmers in Western states to irrigate farms that produced corn. Rice, cotton, and barley. At the same time, the Department of Agriculture turned around and paid these same farmers a second subsidy of $379 million to limit their surplus crop production. Isn't our Interior Departments great? But wait, it gets better.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) beats them all. This Bureau was created as part of the War Department of 1824. They spent $1.5 billion last year to assist Indians and native Alaskans. However, their accounting system set accounting back 50 years. When officials at BIAMuskegong Area office inventoried their government owned property, they made a few startling discoveries. They had three chain saws valued at $99 million each. A.T.V. worth $96 million. And two typewriters valued at $77 million and $42 million, respectively. They would have been thrown out at Sears instead of Rip-U-Off they could have saved money and helped booster ailing business. In addition to these outrageous prices, they somehow also lost millions of dollars in government property. One question: HOW?? If you ask me, they seem to be working with their heads buried.

With all this in mind, isn't it great that it is all being ignored? Instead, we, the middle class, are being taxed higher, having our jobs cut, and being forced to squeeze more out of less. Sounds great since the money that the government is going to take away is going to be spent on something. Maybe even on a new sax for the big man.

The two students have grade point averages of at least 3.25 on a 4.0 scale, and are enrolled in at least six credit-hour courses of work. The scholarship covers tuition costs.

Carter, an elementary education major, has maintained the highest standards set by the alumni association. Her funding is underwritten by the American National Bank. Before winning the scholarship, Carter was working three jobs to finance her education. "I've wanted to teach since sixth grade," she explained. Her specialty area is math. Alvarado's scholarship is underwritten by the Chicago Heights National Bank and matched by the alumni association.

The elementary education major has been working two jobs trying to meet her college expenses. Besides her work obligations, Alvarado volunteers as an English tutor for third graders, and is a volunteer in the adult literacy programs in the south suburbs. These award winners prove, once again, that commitment to excellence and scholarship has its reward," Dr. Leon Zalewski, dean of the College of Education, said. "Both of these students will serve as important role models for all students attending Governors State. We need more like them, and encourage them to send us their friends."

ISSUES AND IMPACT

The first three pilot productions of the new GSU public affairs program "Issue and Impact", with Paula Wolfs as moderator, will be taped in studio A according the schedule below. There will be a studio audience of approximately 30 for each of these programs. If you would like to be added to the audience list, please call Marilyn Thomas in University Relations at ext. 3152.

"Issues and Impact" will be distributed initially on the GSU cable network in nine communities, and will be available by satellite to broadcast stations and cable systems in the state. There is also the possibility of a much broader distribution by an interested national cable service.

The audience for the first program on February 25 will be observing only. The audience for the second program will have an opportunity to ask questions or make comments. Both programs will be one hour long, although three may be an edited 30 minute version. The programs and their schedule are:

**Thursday, February 25, 1-3 p.m., taping (audience by 12:40 p.m.) — "All Hands Women?"** This program will focus on every day issues of women who are HIV positive, the problems they encounter in trying to maintain normalcy in daily life, and issues of education and prevention, not only for those affected, but for all of us. Studio guests include JoBeth of the Heartland Institute, State Representative Barbara Flynn Cuprill, State Senator Aldo DeAngelis, and BPA's Paul Green. Congressman Mel Reynolds has been invited, but is not yet confirmed. We would like to take at least 5-10 questions and comments from the audience.

**Thursday, April 11, 1-3 p.m. — "Child Abuse?"** This program is still in the early stages of planning with Judy Cooney of CE assisting. We are not sure yet whether this will be taped before a live audience.
by Louis Schultz

First in a series

Four years ago it appeared that a huge international airport would be built in far southern rural region of Chicago. Later Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley mustered up all the political clout he could, and suddenly an airport site was built at the "Lake Calumet" site which encompassed homes, businesses, and a uranium mine. David Hegewisch Burnham, and Calumet City. This site faced several major obstacles though, and was later declared, "Dead, dead, dead," by Mayor Daley. This surprised the Chicago media who had done everything they could to help Daley get his pet project off the ground.

The Lake Calumet Airport proposal seemed doomed for a crash landing when some 30,000 vigorous anti-airport protestors enlisted the help of Pate Phillips(R) Wood Dale the "father" of the airport plan. A group known as No Urban Airport (N.U.A.) even invited Phillips on a tour of Calumet City and the surrounding areas. What Phillip saw surprised him.

Unlike the seemingly biased Chicago media reports, showing glowing prospects for new cabin factories, Phillips saw many older but very well-kept homes in Hegewisch Burnham that he found that many homes slated for destruction were being maintained, even early mid and early 1980's. Although he had made up his mind already. Phillips declared the billion project a waste of money.

When the demise of Lake Calumet has come a rebirth of a "Peotone" airport site as well as several other similar airport sites. These have been embraced by Governor Edgar, who up till now has been one of the airport backers. While Daley has maintained that a rural airport will not include alternatives such as varying urban sprawl.

When Lake Calumet was added to the list of airport contenders in mid 1980's years ago, President Bush's transportation secretary Samuel Skinner insisted that "no rural consensus" between Illinois, Indiana, and the City of Chicago was necessary for an airport to succeed and receive federal funds. The "Lake Calumet" sites brought with it a disintegration of the Bi State Commission and the "Lake Calumet" "The most emphasized" by Skinner.

Illinois Governor Jim Edgar is now being praised for the "dead" airport and pursue phased development of a third airport in an area roughly encompassing the towns of Monse, Peotone, and Beecher in Illinois.

Among the five sites proposed over the past few years, each has generated controversy. Proponents of a third airport have spoken about the positive economic impacts an airport would have on the depressed south suburban area, while opponents decry the destruction of their homes, farms, and displace the local agricultural land to make way for such a proposal.

Thefurthest boundary of the Edgar's proposed airport is within three miles of Governor University. Although concerns about the noise impacts on GSO have been voiced, but "least attractive industries" to the Secretary of Transportation Skinner in the Rural Development Council, or REDDC.

Peotone, noise from Illinois Central trains cut through town will actually be greater than the noise from the airport will produce," asserted Robinson.

But seven million dollars has been spent on research by TAMS consultants thus far to muck up the noise on the airport proposal. Christine Cochran, director of the Small Business Development Center at University asserted, "The study which shows a need for a third airport.

Mike Robinson claims that there are advantages to building an airport in a "least attractive industries to the region. We would then lose the environmental benefits that the airport would bring to the neighborhood. The Chicago region don't build a facility to take that growth, it is going to go somewhere else, like Indianapolis or Chicago Southland," said Robinson. We can't take the environmental disaster of the Chicago region and noted an expansion of the region. One of the strengths of the Chicago region has always been the preeminence of transportation. Air transport is a key to railroads and highways."

Heinrichs, on the other hand has studied the subject and said,"In my opinion, Aldo DeAngelis has manipulated this process one way or the other. He has an extensive amount of contacts being a State Senator... business contacts, real estate contacts, etc."

Heinrichs also declares the loss of "priming of rural farmland" in the region, asserting that the airport would bring unneeded "bogus".

The population grew by almost 4% last census, has now grown by 15% in the past two years. If we don't have an airport here or anywhere else.

The studies do not include air traffic, highway speeds, and other forms of transportation, and other technological improvements. Heinrichs stated.

The appendixes Heinrichs' claims that high speed rail will eliminate the need for a third airport. "Even if your assuming the transit council, high speed rail is about 15 to 18 billion dollars. This states that system and forced everyone who now uses the Chicago air-" said Heinrichs. For short hops, you would only reduce by 10 percent those flights which now depart from O'Hare and Midway."

To make way for a Peotone Airport, about 200 homes would be bought at 'Fair Market Value' from the owners and subsequently destroyed. The airport has been described as "ugly looking" situated, according to Paesel, so that it sits between the Peotone and Monse and has a minimal impact on those communities. Paesel and Robinson both emphasized that Peotone would not "become another Bensenville or Elk Grove Village."

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Fate of "Peotone" Still Unclear

George Sangmeister, while not endorsing this particular proposed site, has endorsed the need for the third airport.

Robinson and Paesel noted the need for the Kane County Journal newspaper, and charged that being an active "anti-airport" group, represented a conflict of interest.

"That the Kane County newspaper, which has a vast interest to cover airport stories shows bias," said Robinson.

Heinrichs refuted the claim insisting, "I write part time for the Kane County Journal... I am not going to work with them. I am a freelance writer. We know everything, do I, I am honest. If I feel I have a conflict with a story, I will tell them, and I will not cover it then."

Although the departing Bush Administration, granted funds for an environmental impact study, the results of that study showed that the airport would never make it to the congressional level who buy a house and put a big fence around it and don't use it for agriculture," Robinson cited.

Paesel added that urban sprawl was occurring already in the region and noted the subdivision in Monee as evidence. He also claimed that "any development in the region was con­ taminated by septic fields."

If the airport is to succeed, it certainly will require political support, according to Paul Green a professor in the GSU Public Administration program. Although the technological and political aspects are very shaky, will not be completed for about two years. In the meantime, residents of the south suburbs are concerned about the future of the region.

Next issue - Politicians take sides on the proposed airport.
When Does Review End?
By Tom Williamson
ACHE Treasurer

Just last week a question was placed on the Wall of Truth concerning the Health Administration program and the "Intensive Review" process it has encountered. Many people were concerned that the Health Administration program remain in the Status Quo category with an asterisk for the completion of this process. In addition, I believe that we are presently conducting a search for a new Provost. Will the Acting Provost make this decision now? I don't think so. Will our President make this decision? I don't think so. We are hiring a new management team and this is the responsibility of those three people. They are a fact of life, we must deal with. However, we are contractually bound to leave the program in a negative image with respect to students and faculty. Morale and enthusiasm are waning. Enrollment is suffering from this adverse image.

Now, it seems evident that the undergraduate program will be restructured to the business and public administration programs. Where will we leave the graduate program with regard to its cost position? Not in a good position, I'm sure. This seems to be a very difficult battle - with no end in sight. Why? Both programs meet national standards of quality. The undergraduate program has full membership status with APUHA, the graduate program is accredited by ACESHA. We are one of five universities in the nation to have earned this distinction of quality. We meet national standards of quality, but not GSU's standard of quality. Why?

Why can't the BUO board re-evaluate our program now that we have completed the Action Plan for Intensive Review and return us to the Status Quo category? Why can't our new administration remove us from the list of the IBHE?

Once these actions take place, our department can move positively to maintain our high level of quality instead of spending so much time defending the program. This is supposed to be a student-centered institution for life-long learning. Politics and bureaucracy seem to interfere. Let's rid ourselves of those mistakes made by the past administration and move on to bigger and better things, sooner the better.

By Karl Rademacher

The tunnel vision of Political Correctness never ceases to amaze me. Seemingly rational human beings are willing to ignore something as fundamental for the betterment of our society as safety education because it's outside their self-imposed "Correctness barrier." A recent exchange between the editors at Parents magazine and the Child Safety Education division of the National Rifle Association illustrated this phenomenon all too well.

(For those who don't know yet, the NRA is considered politically incorrect, because guns are icky.)

The NRA apparently offered a series of educational books, videos and posters stressing safety. Showing typical media bias, Parents rejected the offer, out of hand. In a responding letter, they said, "We consider the average gun owner to be a paranoid, waiting for the commies to bust their doors in." While they hoot and chuckle at their witty commentary, one has to wonder what warranted this attack. Were the NRA's child books a thinly veiled ploy to get toddlers interested in slinging lead during play time? Were they titled "Full auto in 30 minutes, using Ma's Nail File and Crazy Glue?"

No. The messages were simply "resist peer pressure" and "If you see a gun, leave the area, and tell an adult." They've helped save countless lives in areas where people are worryingly ignorant of weapon safety and handling. The books neither volunteer nor ask for value judgments with regard to firearms.

But, coming from the NRA means they can't possibly be good, right?

Time for a reality break. You may or may not like the politics of the pro-gun lobby, but that's beside the point. There are currently over 70 million law-abiding gun owners in this country, many with children. Many others don't have guns, but live in areas where they are regularly encountered. Is it so extreme to teach the gospel of safety and responsibility to these individuals? Many parents would appreciate knowing that their children know how to properly conduct themselves if they ever find themselves near a gun.

It is sheer irresponsibility for Parents to "Just say no" and guffaw at a chance to smush the "Evil NRA." Just saying no does nothing for kids when they are away from their parents. No one guffaws at a kid's funeral. In today's increasingly violent times, pro-active safety education (as opposed to re-educating the up) saves lives.

We need to set aside petty differences when it comes to the safety and future of our children. I, for one, commend the NRA for recognizing the need for safety education and dedicating hundreds of thousands of dollars toward it's accomplishment.

Letter To The Editor

ISPA Thanks

I would like to thank those individuals who helped make the GSU Hospitality Suite at the ISPA Thanks at the ISPA Thanks at the ISPA Thanks at the ISPA Thanks at the ISPA Thanks in February. Such a success! Thank you to Dr. Graf, Jacque Tuite, Bruce Lewis, Anjou Godfrey, and GSU alumni who dropped what they were doing to lend a helping hand. Most of all, special thanks to Anissa Hussain who was responsible for making arrangements and doing the leg-work. And, without whose help we never would have been able to pull it all together without such tremendous support was very much appreciated! THANK YOU

Sincerely,
Linda Marie Peters
President
School Psychology Council
Music Reviews

Black 47 EP
(SBK Records)
Reviewed By Steve Young

If you like Irish music with a modern beat that attacks the social injustice of modern times, you'll probably like Black 47. The band has reportedly been making quite a critical stir in their home base of New York City, though they haven't received much exposure around here. Black 47 consists of six members (including one ex-member of Dexy's Midnight Runners) who play guitar, bass and drums as well as uileann pipes, tin whistles and trombones.

The band's debut is a sort of garage-band sound, mixed with some rockabilly and blues. Kind of a surprise for a band named after a Black Sabbath album and that features an member of the legendary Cream (drummer Ginger Baker, not missing a beat to mention). I was impressed with the first two songs, "She Got Me" and "J.B. Wischidance". Both of these tunes were upbeat with smooth soaring lyrics. In fact, both songs sound like they could be movie music.

So, if you're interested in a change of music, All About The Sufferer may be your desire. They show a great deal of potential and you can expect to hear more from them.

Reviewed by J.B. Godfrey

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HANSEN’S CHOICE

by John Hansen

Hansen Picks The Oscars

On Monday, March 29th, 1993, the Academy Awards will be televised live from Los Angeles, CA. In this special edition of Hansen's Choice, your favorite movie critic is going to go way out on a limb and pick the winners of the major awards.

This is a game, however, in which you, the reader, can also play. The Innovator newspaper is offering two free movie tickets to any student who can outguess yours truly and correctly guess the winner of this year's Academy Awards.

All you need to do is fill out your picks for the categories of Best Supporting Actor, Best Supporting Actress, Best Actor, Best Actress, and Best Picture. Just in case there's a tie, we're also asking you to pick the Best Song winner, and this choice will serve as the tie-breaker in case it'll be needed.

We're giving you your choices for the top Oscars, so be sure to include your personal comments on why you think your choice will win or should win. We'll take the best comments and print them in our April 15 issue which will also feature the results of the Academy Awards show and our Best Hansen game. All entries must be in by Thursday, March 25 and turned into Room A2300.

So without further ado, here are my choices for the Academy Awards. Please keep in mind that I am writing this only one week after the nominations were announced. This is before anything was written on the subject or before Las Vegas placed their odds. Since I don't have the clout or inside information that Siskel and Ebert have, I'm strictly going by who I think will win based on past Academy Awards shows and the films and performances themselves.

BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS - Miranda Richardson for "Damage". Richardson was noteworthy in "Glengarry Glen Ross" but will not win due to being nominated in both Supporting Actor and Actor roles. Jack Nicholson was superb in "A Few Good Men" but I think he will be passed over because he was only featured in four scenes in the movie. That leaves two nominations: Jaye Davidson for "The Crying Game" and Hackman for "Unforgiven". Hackman was strong in his role as Sheriff Bill Daggett, a manipulative lawman who wants total control of his town.

BEST ACTRESS - Susan Sarandon for "Lorenzo's Oil". Sarandon was strong in her role as Michaela Odone, a mother who feverishly worked with her husband to understand and conquer the fatal nerve disease that has affected her young son. No matter what critics thought of the film, nearly everyone singled out Sarandon's performance. After being passed over last year for "Thelma and Louise", this fine actress will finally win her Oscar.

Emma Thompson for "Howards End" and Mary McDonnell for "Passion Fish" also gave great performances. McDonnell just won an Oscar two years ago for "Dances With Wolves" and this is Thompson's first nomination. I'm sticking with Sarandon.

BEST ACTOR - Clint Eastwood for "Unforgiven". This is the easiest category for me to pick. Eastwood, despite his long and influential career, has never won an Oscar. Hollywood has the perfect opportunity to award him with one thanks to his excellent work in "Unforgiven". This film was as much a tribute to Eastwood's career as it was the American

Next to Eastwood, Al Pacino probably has the closest chance to win. Many critics argue, however, that Pacino typically overacts in many of his films and "Scent of a Woman" is no exception.

Denzel Washington has little chance of winning since "Malcolm X" was almost completely ignored by the Academy. Despite strong performances, first-time nominee Robert Downey Jr. for "Chaplin" and Steven Rea for "The Crying Game", will be passed over this time.

BEST PICTURE - "Unforgiven"

In the past, Hollywood has been pretty predictable when it comes to picking the Best Picture award. Although offbeat and different films like "The Crying Game", for instance) may get nominated, they rarely win. The Western is a traditional Hollywood staple and Clint Eastwood surpassed himself when he made this realistic drama about a retired outlaw who saddles up again to collect on a bounty. The Academy may surprise everyone by picking the unconventional and shocking thriller, "The Crying Game", for the major awards. This film has been gaining a lot of momentum since the nominations were announced. I doubt it though. "Unforgiven"

BEST SONG - "I Have Nothing" from "The Bodyguard"

Our tie-breaker question goes to this song from "The Bodyguard". Why Whitney Houston's number one hit, "I Will Always Love You", wasn't nominated, only the Academy knows for sure. In the absence of that song, however, I'm picking this powerful selection from the same film.

BEAT HANSEN AT THE OSCARS

Select your choices for this year's Academy Awards to be held Monday, March 29th. After making your selections, be sure to include your personal comments regarding the Awards. Winners will receive two (2) free movie tickets for either General Cinema Theatres or Cineplex Odeon Theatres. Entries must be submitted to the Innovator office, room A2300, by Thursday, March 25. Tickets courtesy of The Innovator.

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THE ET MAY BE GOD

Eyes never pain
when peering at galaxies,
looking into the night skies.
On solitude's peak
a single heart-beat sits,
seeing the universe,
perceiving creation.
Intangible distances are
shortened,
for thought means
no space-time curves to transcends
the fathomless void.

From this esoteric homeland
a chord is twanged,
here on earth,
a rhythm felt.
There is evocation
for a force pulsates
which smells
of companionship,
strengthening the unproven
hopeful belief.

I think.
we aren't alone.
The ET may be God !

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Slipshots

By Victoria Kloski

Blarney Rubble

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TO BE OR NOT TO BE?

Career Designs

The real problem in misrepresenting yourself during an interview is not that you’ll be found out and lose out on the job, but that you’ll sell yourself into a job where every day will require constant method acting. Talk about discomfort—the pain never ends.

Most people think it’s okay to tell a few white lies about who they are and how they feel. Let’s distinguish between serious lies and social hypocrisy. If you say you admire the interviewer’s office decor that may be hypocrisy. If you say you’re committed to the work ethic and usually work an 80-hour week when actually you fly out of the door at 5:00 pm, that’s a lie.

A single parent with two teenagers will find traveling Monday thru Friday impossible. An innately shy person will find being convention services director for a sales management association very draining. A person who hates confrontation will not find happiness in a consulting firm renowned for its internal warfare.

Why do job hunters campaign for untenable positions even to the point of gross misrepresentation? Charge it up to desperation, fear, or human perversity.

There is one less psychological and more simple explanation: Undesirable jobs are far more plentiful and visible than desirable ones. Realizing the sheer song of spurious opportunities takes energy. Here are some questions to ask yourself when tempted by a dubious opportunity.

How close is this to my ideal job?

Not even in the same ballpark? then why are you considering it? How will you explain this obvious detour several years from now when nobody remembers the recession ‘90 and ‘91? Can I envision myself doing this job five years from now?

If not, don’t take it now. Being specific about what’s wrong with the job is less important than helping you recognize what you do need for a longer tour of duty. For example, you can see that you’d outgrow the prospective boss in less than 18 months. That’s important. Or, you can tell that the boss is insecure and unlikely to mentor you. Is this job a necessary learning step?

Will you acquire skills so important to the next step in your career that it’s worth trying yourself in knots to get them? Can and will you sustain more personalities than Eve to make it work? How many alternative opportunities have you explored? Or are you putting your sanity at risk rather than digging more deeply?

Will this job enhance my marketability?

Even IBM on the rocks might be worth a two-year tour of duty if it will make smaller, newer computer firms full of opportunities just for you. Can the gypsy in your soul remain hidden until you’ve gotten the skills and experience you need? If you believe passionately that this job is a vital step or you won’t be able to stand the pain. By the way, do some serious research into the values of the organization you’d like to work for near before signing on for this job. Former employees can give you great information, especially with the fresh perspective they’ve gained by working somewhere else.

Would I take this job in a robust economy?

If not, then don’t even consider it now! You want to feel insecure, poverty-stricken, and miserable all at the same time? You want to see how much pain you can stand? Folly! Desperation is just a way of wall-papering over your true feelings and just as easily removed.

Would any of my peers take this job?

We know you’re a nugget individualist but if you can’t name a single approximate equal who would even interview, must less fight for an offer, the message is clear: Walk away.

Finally, this advice is intended as an antidote to those well meaning but misguided souls who say, “You want to be employed don’t you? You’ve got to be flexible. You can do everything.” Taking that advice guarantees you an uncertain present and eventually a checkered past.

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