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Against the Odds

By Erin-Aja Grant

This past weekend Antioch was alive with visitors. They were alums, town members, and the Antioch community's first glance at the newest abbreviated in-group. The AC3, or ACCC, or Atrip, is officially named the Antioch College Continuation Corporation. This all-star alum group came to Antioch hoping to gain a community perspective on the College's current situation. Students, faculty, and staff were provided the opportunity to interact with the ACCC Saturday in smaller groups. The AC3 members are: Frances Horowitz '54 (co-chair), Eric Bates '83 (co-chair), Laura Markham '80 (secretary), David Goodman '72 (treasurer), Steve Schwerner '60, Catherine Jordan '69, Lee Morgan '69, Barbara Winslow '68, and Terry



Herndon '57. Some of these people are familiar faces from the Alumni Board and some of them are just outright familiar names. There was no doubt that as Antioch Alums each member feels a responsibility and nostalgic love for the school, but the community still had its questions.

After breakfast planning,

the day kicked off at 10am with a community meeting. It started with Andrzej Bloch, who made a few brief remarks concerning the recent power outage on campus. The meeting proceeded with an introduction by the ACCC members, and a brief presentation on the new corporation. McGregor 113 was packed with Yellow

Springs residents, faculty, staff, and students. Many people said during the meeting, and after, that they were confused by the presence of Glenn Watts. Watts, the former CFO of the college, stated that he was only there to record the events happening and is no longer affiliated with the University or its board.

The letter of intent was a major topic of discussion for the community. Many were interested to know which steps were being taken to salvage the college. On late Monday afternoon the University board received a "Letter of Intent" from the AC3. While roadblocks, pertinent dates, and legal issues are a part of the process, audience members pressed community issues. Faculty member Pat Mishe asked about Olive Kettering Library and its future. AC3 member Laura Markham replied, "...We all

went to school with Joe Cali." While some questions sought security that cannot be granted, the fight is being fought. Laura Markham's arrival after the meeting started was a testament to Eric Bates comments on "late nights all about Antioch... some of us have lost clients." The meeting had a steep stack. Many different community members had chance to voice their opinion and overall it was received well. Operations Manager Corri Frohlich commented on how well the meeting went. "People asked informed questions." Frohlich said.

The AC3 remained optimistic, but honest. Eric Bates told the community, "[W]e are in a moment in our collective history, where we can do this." The community heard these encouraging words, mixed with realities of student retention, Yellow Springs business
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Yellow Springs Says No to Coal

By CARL REVERTS

If the proposed coal fired power plant that American Municipal Power-Ohio (or AMP-Ohio) is pushing for gets built, it would cause additional hardship to Meigs County, an area in Ohio already troubled by coal related problems, according to environmental advocate Elisa Young. Last week, Young met with the Antioch Environmental Group, who opposes the construction and its contract that requires a fifty-year commitment to buy power exclusively from the utility. AEG is looking to join the efforts of other groups that oppose the Power Plant.

Yellow Springs Council voted 'no' to the contract this week, following through on sentiment from a meeting last week, which seemed to say that 'the moral and economic cost of

coal is too great,' according to the Yellow Springs News. The vote has been pushed forward from the March 1st deadline that AMP originally provided. With the aggressive push for yes answers and the continually shorter deadlines, Young says that the project might be in trouble. Other towns have begun to question the motives of the company in gunning for yes answers, with many saying that it curtails the public comment period. In reference to the shifting deadlines by AMP-Ohio, Kathy Lawson, a Martinsville City, VA Councilwoman said she feels "like there was a hidden agenda," and added, "I'm definitely more cautious about them."

The great myth about "clean coal" is that you still have to mine it. A common practice in



Appalachia is that of mountain top removal, a process that literally moves mountains, and leaves an ugly scar to boot. The process also causes runoff and other environmental concerns.

Young says that with climate change related legislation in the works in coming years, coal power plants will no longer provide the most value to customers as non fossil fuel technologies begin to gain market share, in all likelihood, well before the fifty year contract is up. A likely additional tax on carbon-emissions would contribute to this devalued effect. A potential idea, Young said, is to build transmission lines from Colorado, a state that has discovered its massive potential for wind energy. The imported green energy would be comparable or a little more expensive in price but the benefits would equal out in reduced health care bills and peace of mind.

What Young doesn't want to see is any new coal

power plants, a conviction she developed after seeing the detrimental environmental effects of mining coal, the contaminated drinking water from leached sludge, and the increase in respiratory illness, cancers and other maladies, among other reasons. As a full time nurse in Meigs County, Young gets to see first hand the human effects of coal mining and burning.

The city of Westerville, AMPs third largest contract, turned down the contract with one of the voting members saying the only fifty-year commitment she could make was to her husband. There is a growing trend with cities and towns now feeling emboldened enough to say no. However, other large cities and towns like Cleveland and Dover City are still signed on for the contract.

I watched the State of the Union address the other night because politics have always been an interest of mine. Growing up I was sure I was going to be the President of the United States. My hero was Harry Truman although later we all found out through his diaries that he didn't like the Jews too much. I am convinced that after viewing the drivel that poured out of that idiot's mouth (George W Bush) this week during his last State of The Union address I at seven years old would have done a better job as president. Bush probably doesn't even know what a Jew is.

The speech was full of empty promises similar to his past state of the union addresses with a bunch of republican rhetoric about cutting taxes and limiting the size of the government. It is interesting to note that during his last horrific years in office he has done nothing he stated during his speech.

Instead he wrecked the economy, ruined public schools, started an endless war, destroyed the constitution, tried to outlaw homosexuality, and sadly so much more. Seriously though he will go down in history as one of the worst Presidents in history right before Warren G Harding. I take solace in the fact that he is almost gone and congress is controlled by Democrats who hopefully will block his five-year-old agenda.

P.S. Whoever his speechwriter is must be beating his head against the wall seeing his speech's massacred by our bumbling idiot of a President. Also George, learn how to say confederation.

Happy Reading.

Bryan Utley

Yo.

Looking at it retrospectively (post-decision to suspend operations) it seems silly to assume that community voices carry any weight when it comes to the big decisions.

In the past, however, it was easy to get caught up in the idea that our community government structures, which do responsibly manage many immediate aspects of our community affairs, were the authority. I've heard people deride our concepts of community government, and place the blame for the woes of the college on their shoulders, as if their decisions had the strength to close the college. 'It's the inmates running the asylum' or 'the animals taking over the zoo', or something to the effect .

Now in 2008, to turn this critique on its head, a greater degree of self-determination and community participation presents the only way for the college to establish itself on a solid bedrock of financial stability and remain in operation.

Many Antiochians, including myself, are excited by this idea. I would love to see people who have strong financial and emotional links to the college, such as alumni, faculty staff and students. These people have vested material interest, in protecting the well-being of the college, so surely they seem the worthiest candidates to be guardians of its future.

To the naysayers, this possibility must forbiddingly like a prophecy sinister come to pass. It would truly be the animals taking over the zoo. George Orwell's Animal Farm surely looms just beyond the horizon.

I watched a National Geographic video podcast the other day. Biologists recently did a test. They had a memory game/test set up on a video monitor with a touch screen. You see a bunch of numbers, from 1-10, scattered on a screen. When you press a button on the bottom of the screen, the numbers turn into squares, and you touch the squares in order of the numbers, trying to order them from 1-10. The biologists had some college students from U of somewhere volunteering. They had the students play the game, while a chimpanzee played simultaneously at an adjacent machine separated by a hanging cloth. The chimpanzees vastly outperformed the students in both ordering the numbers and quickness in completing the task. It actually changed the scientific perception of chimpanzee memory ability.

Anyway, the point is, if the animals are really taking over the zoo, let's be the smart chimpanzees from National Geographic, not the beasts of Orwell, who turn on each other in the end. Let's leave being pigs to the man. It's 4:03 am. Unite, learn, build, and enjoy the Record.

One Love.

Edward Perkins



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To serve the information needs of the community in a continuous fashion. To provide all members of the community with access to their newspaper. To serve as a reliable instrument for recording the college's history. To serve as a reliable instrument for education in civic and journalistic responsibility.

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Dearest Community,

As you read in the Record last week, one of our CG candidates has dropped from the CG campaign (the collective referred to as “Not Business As Usual”). Although this does leave one collective remaining, it doesn’t mean, however, that the election automatically defaults to “The Fab Four”. In order to respect and uphold community process and community participation in selecting your new Community Government officers, the details of the process now defaults to our Community Council. This Thursday, January 31st in the Main Building Conference Room at 3:00pm ComCil will gather and discuss the options for how to sort through the remainder of the CG elections process. Thankfully, we have a wonderful and talented ComCil comprised of dedicated community members to sort through this issue, using the Leg. Code (a community agreed upon document) as a way to guide and inform their conversations. As stated in the leg. code, ComCil has several options made available to them and will inform the Community of their decision by the following day, Friday, February 1st. Please come to ComCil this week if you would like to participate in these discussions!

Thanks,

Chelsea

Fighting for Peace

By Ryan Boasi

My Fellow Antiochians,

Part of the reason I wanted to be a scientist was that I have always been fascinated with systems and patterns. Honestly though, I have to say that far more amusing to me are exceptions, outliers, and the surprise of an unexpected result or behavior. They’re really what make life fun and interesting.

There are many ways in which Antiochians contribute to bettering the world around them, winning victories for the Mann. We go on to be doctors, revolutionaries, Nobel Laureates, and policy makers for reasons that are obvious to anyone who has spent time living in this community. Antiochians make an important impact on the world in unconventional ways, and I would like to share some of my thoughts and feelings with you on this subject.

Something I have been devoting a great deal of my thought to is whether it is possible to join the United States armed forces and still win a victory for humanity, champion peace rather than war, and make the world a better place by applying the values this community has given us. I think it may just be so.

Wherever there is war, atrocities will be committed. The reality of the matter, however, is that only a truly tiny fraction of the population

actually can kill in cold blood without the absolution provided by peer pressure and a strong authority telling them to do so. The role of powerful, respected leadership and group absolution in the performance of such horrors as the My Lai massacre in Vietnam, or the massacres in East Timor are undeniable.

Fortunately, the opposite is true as well. A strong leader with a level head can turn a situation that would have otherwise ended in mindless bloodshed and make it into something positive. A corporal or sergeant who displays strong moral and social character can help keep their juniors in check and show that killing is not always necessary.

It was only because of a reservist named Joe Darby that the abuses at Abu Ghraib came to light and were prosecuted. The same is true of Ronald Ridenhour and Hugh Thompson in the My Lai massacre in Vietnam. While I do not think that the specific way in which these service people effected change was right (there are internal structures for dealing with these kinds of atrocities which serve justice without putting American POWs at risk), what they did required a courage and selflessness that few people possess.

Regardless of one’s position on the war itself, I cannot see how preventing what would have been under another person’s command an abomination

as anything less than a true victory for humanity. If we, those who pride ourselves on changing the world for the better and making a difference wherever it needs to be made, cannot at very least see the merit in joining the armed forces, then I am misunderstanding something fundamental about the nature of this institution which I now call home.

A helicopter pilot in Vietnam named D. Bray once said “... [W]e did our job and we did it well, and it needed doing even though we didn’t like it; but sometimes we just had to go above and beyond what was expected of us in order to avoid the killing ... This is the time I want to be remembered for”.

Crisis in Kenya

By ALAA JASHAN

Former UN secretary general Kofi Annan is mediating political struggles while more violence erupts in Kenya. Kofi Annan is hoping political issues can be solved within a matter of weeks and the broader crisis within a year. Condoleezza Rice called the situation “deeply concerning”. She continued to say; “The election was not one that inspired confidence in the Kenyan people and therefore there needs to be a political arrangement”.

Violence around Kenya has continued throughout last week. The Luo refugees that had taken shelter at police posts were reportedly being chased by mob of up to 600 people with machetes and clubs. According to eyewitness



accounts, a 5000-person mob ran rampant in Naivasha, looting and destroying shops in the area. Opposition Orange Democrat Movement politician Mugabe Were was targeted by gunmen during the rioting, according to the police. Although the two criminals who had shot

him did not rob him, police are treating it as a non-political murder. ODM leader Raila Odinga, said, “Of course there are lots of rumors going around. We hope and expect that investigations are going to be carried out by the law-enforcement agencies, but as you can see, the country

is due to militias grouping and organizing. Since Kofi Annan has been in Kenya he said he saw the “gross and systematic human rights abuses.” He continued, “Let us not kid ourselves and think that this is an electoral problem. It is much broader and much deeper.”

is drifting into a state of anarchy.”

Since the elections on December 27, an estimated 800 people have been killed and 260,000 remain displaced. According to Muthoni Wanyeki, director of the Kenya Human Rights Commission, this increase in violence

The top US envoy to Africa, Assistant Secretary of State for Africa Jendayi Frazer, went one step further, calling some aspects of the recent unrest “clear ethnic cleansing”. She also demanded an “investigation” into the unrest and the persons responsible.

Urunga Maina, a victim of a mob, lamented, “All those who are fanning the violence are staying comfortably in their luxury homes while we burn” and it is true many of the victims of the unrest are Kenya’s poorest citizens, while the political elite continues to be relatively unaffected.. Kenya’s economy and international image is also being threatened, as the key tourism industry is suffering greatly.

International Bulletins

By KARL REVERT and
DAN MCCURDY

Entire Synthetic Genome Created

At the Institute for Systems Biology in Seattle, biochemists have discovered a new form of genetic manipulation, creating new types of artificial genomes, or the complete DNA sequence of a single chromosome. Research in this area can lead to designer organisms, possibly mammals. The experiment is the second part of a three-step process to create synthetic life in a laboratory. The first step, successfully championed at a lab in Maryland, involved the transplantation of DNA onto a bacterium that would then begin to reproduce as a different bacterium. The third step would be to take a synthetic genome to reproduce copies of the same synthetic genome.



A Spy Satellite with imaging hardware that launched in 2006 has stopped communicating and appears to have lost power to its engines. The large array, which is estimated to weigh around ten thousand pounds, is likely to fall to Earth much earlier than expected, within several weeks. Though it will sustain a lot of damage in its fall through the atmosphere, there is a chance that not all will be disintegrated. Another question is where it is going to fall, and whether or not it has a chance of hitting the United States. The answer

Secret US Spy Satellite May Hit America

to that question will not make itself evident until it begins its decent through the atmosphere.

House Passes \$146 Billion Economic Aid Package

The house has just passed a bill that is geared toward priming ‘consumer’ buying power. The 146 billion dollars will be issued to most Americans on a sliding scale in the coming months if it defeats an alternative proposal in the Senate. It will take the form similar to that of a rebate, with the majority of those eligible to receive a check for six hundred dollars. The remaining people, even those who did not earn enough to pay taxes last year, will receive at least three hundred dollars. It is unclear why poor retired people over a certain age are not eligible for the rebate but it has spurred numerous inquiries into local offices of state representatives.

EU Court: Downloaders Can Stay Private

The European Union Court of Justice decided that telecom firms can not hand over details of the accounts of suspected illegal music downloaders. The case, which first appeared in the Spanish courts, began after the Spanish telecommunications giant Telefonica SA, refused to hand over information regarding some of its customers use of the peer-to-peer networking site Kazaa. The EU courts sought to enforce a balance between property rights and right to privacy. This ruling will unify the EU in this regard, which has had many differing opinions regarding piracy in its many member countries.

Large Asteroid Passes Close to Earth

Every five years or so, massive asteroids nearly hit the Earth. Though asteroids as big as this most recent one are big enough to affect life on the planet, they only hit once every thirty-seven thousand years, astronomers say. 2007 TU24 is the designation for

the last asteroid to do so. It had a width of over six hundred feet, the size of several football fields. The giant rock passed just three-hundred-fifty-five thousand miles away from Earth, which put it right outside the moon’s orbit. In 2006, another giant named 2004 XP14 came closer, just inside the moons orbit, which astronomers estimating that it had a two thousand foot width.

UN Negotiations Fail Over Gaza Blockade



After eight days of international debate about the Israeli blockade of the Gaza Strip, Egypt opened its borders temporarily so tens of thousands of Palestinians could stock up on basic goods. The UN agreement, which

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would have called off the Israeli blockade, was largely stopped by the United States because Libya wanted to include harsher words directed towards Israel.

Suharto Dies While Indonesia Fights Corruption at UN



Former Indonesian Dictator Suharto died at the age of 86, leaving a mixed legacy of corruption and modernization. Although Suharto is credited with bringing his country from a state of extreme poverty to a condition of relative development, he was constantly accused of serious human rights abuses, corruption, and often-brutal repression of dissenters. Suharto came into power in 1966, on the wings of a military coup, which brought down the then Indonesian leader, Sukarno. This past Sunday the U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia Cameron Hume said in a statement "Though there may be some controversy over his legacy, President Suharto was a historic figure who left a lasting imprint on Indonesia and the region of Southeast Asia."

Meanwhile, at the United Nations Indonesia is to attend a meeting against corruption. According to Telesur, one of the main objectives of the meeting,

which dozens of delegations are attending, is to establish measures by which States can recuperate money and other capital stolen by corrupt state heads.

Case of Cuba Five Discussed at the World Social Forum

At the World Social Forum now taking place in Madrid, Spain held a discussion concerning the Cuban five, Gerardo Hernández, Antonio Guerrero, René González, Ramón Labañino and Fernando González. They have been held in prison in the United States for the last 10 years after being convicted of spying. According to Cuban newspaper, Grandma, the five were spying on right wing anti-Cuban terrorist cells in Florida, which for years have been planning operations against the Cuban government. After the five had dug up enough evidence about the right-wing cell operations, they went to the FBI with the information. Instead of investigating possible terrorist cells existing in the United States, the FBI and the U.S. government declared the five Cubans spies and had them arrested.

The Forum heard

argumentation from Jefferson Cardenas, a Spanish member of the Committee for the Liberation of the Cuban five in Madrid. Throughout his presentation Cardenas also referred to the continuing threats that facing Cuba, caused by the hostile and aggressive U.S. government.

FARC Leader Condemned to 60 Years in Prison

One of the Leaders of the Columbian Armed Revolutionary Forces, Simon Trinidad, was just sentenced to a 60-year prison term for the kidnapping of three U.S. citizens. The Columbian government captured Trinidad and sent him, via extradition, to the United States to be processed. The sentenced, imposed by Judge Joyce C. Lamberth, included a statement, which said that the act committed against the three Americans was a "barbaric act, deplorable, of terrorism...which no civilized nation can tolerate". At the end Trinidad said, "even if I lose my physical liberty, all my ideal will maintain intact". This sentence was the maximum that Lamberth could impose on Trinidad since the deal with Columbia for extradition was based on the understanding that the sentence would not exceed Columbian law. Lamberth noted that Trinidad actually should have received a sentence of life in prison.

Asian Stock Plummet While U.S. Economy Faces Deep Structural Problems



Stock prices plummeted again today in trading in Asia. In Shanghai, shares fell over seven percent. The main stock indexes in Tokyo and Hong Kong

dropped about four percent. The BBC reported Japanese Prime Minister, Yasuo Fukuda, warned about growing risks to the world economy during a speech at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. Fukuda said that "Downside risks on the world economy are on the rise against a backdrop of US sub prime issues and a record rise of oil prices," and continued, "There is no need for excessive pessimism. At the same time however, we should respond quickly and should implement necessary measures." During the same Forum, the head of the International Monetary Fund, Dominique Strauss-Kahn said, "We are facing global imbalances and the sub prime crisis is only part of it. We are facing also currency imbalances, surpluses rising in some countries... all those imbalances have to be addressed." He added, "The problem cannot only be addressed by monetary policy, even though monetary policy is very important. We have to look at the whole picture."

Joseph Stiglitz, former chief economist at the World Bank also spoke at the forum. He mentioned "deep structural problems" in the U.S. economy. Among the problems "the fact that the U.S had to borrow in 2006 \$850 billion from other countries—the richest country in the world; fundamental global imbalances, financial systems that don't know how to manage risk. These are not symptoms of what you might call a fundamentally strong

economy."

Worst Winter in China in Last Decade

China, one of the largest

economies in the world, is experiencing its worst winter in nearly ten years. The present storm, which has in the past few days affected the west, east and south of China, is creating a carbon shortage which has caused a 5.6 percent decline in electricity generating capabilities. In addition to the carbon deficiency, transport difficulties have greatly affected the supply of food. Chinese authorities are concerned that the current situation may get significantly worse in the next few days. In light of this, and a major decline in carbon reserves, the Chinese government is planning to augment the daily supply of carbon in order to bring back generators to their normal capacity. The latest storm, which struck this week, is currently affecting seventeen Chinese provinces.

Electricity Blackouts Affect South African Mines

The South African state power company, Eskom, has said that it cannot guarantee power supplies. According to the BBC, this has caused South Africa's three biggest gold producers AngloGold Ashanti, Gold Fields, and Harmony to suspend production, along with the world's biggest platinum miner, Anglo Platinum. South Africa is one of the world's largest producers of platinum and gold and the next host of the Soccer (Football) World Cup. Public Enterprise minister Alec Erwin says that the power crisis is a "national emergency" which the government failed to anticipate. "We are only running power for emergency supplies, such as pumping water out, and have stopped producing at all mines," AngloGold spokesman Steve Lenahan told Reuters news agency. Various economists are saying that power cuts will slow down economic growth will also affect countries which South Africa supplies with power, including Zimbabwe, Zambia, Botswana, Mozambique and Namibia.

Masculinity and Porn

By ALAA JAHSHAN

Defining masculinity is difficult especially since there may never have been a time in our memory when it was at a comfortable or stable state. The word masculine, as defined in any old dictionary, is pertaining to the male gender. What is male can be looked at from many different perspectives, (e.g. biological, philosophical, psychological etc.) but there is one definition that stands out. Masculinity can be looked at as a non-gender where anything feminized becomes non-masculine. As the dominant gender, masculinity cannot consist of anything feminine; it would otherwise risk its integrity. Men have to be in control, and being in control means ownership, and display of that ownership has its place in American cultural con-

sciousness. One way to examine this closer is to look at the porn industry especially since it has a symbiotic relationship with male dominance.

Before examining the porn problem, we need to look at Robert Jensen's "Getting Off" as it provides a good analogy for an introduction to understanding maleness. Jensen describes a child's game often played by little boys called 'King of the Hill'. The person on top of the hill (or mound or pile of whatever) has to keep everyone else away who challenge the king's supremacy by trying to knock him off the top of the hill. Jensen uses this concept to define masculinity: "there's only one real man at any given moment." Masculinity is a dynamic of power and control, every man for himself. This complex can be dangerous. Jensen goes on to

say that we need to look at masculinity not only for the sake of men; we need to look at masculinity because male dominance is oppressive to a degree that is harmful to everyone in its culture.

As a power vehicle, masculinity looks for anything that can strengthen it, and here is where pornography comes in. Through the widespread access and use of the Internet, heterosexual pornography has become mainstream. Cooper and Griffin-Shelly describe pornography today as having a "Triple-A Engine ... accessibility, affordability, and anonymity." This expanded the market to all kinds of men, men who already loved porn, men who kind of loved porn, and men who never wanted to be seen going into adult stores. This mainstream normative heterosexual porn is

characterized by violence, aggression and the objectification of women. Although connections between heterosexual porn and masculinity are not mapped out, psychology research in aggression shows that watching aggressive porn correlates with an increase in aggressive behavior. There is extensive evidence of objectification of women, an example can be found in the article, "The Politics of Porn and Masculinity" by Cynthia Peters, "Women's gym shorts feature hand prints on the rear - as if to say, 'Grab hold of this.' Stiletto heels are known as 'fuck-me' pumps. Car, beer, and make-up commercials make women appear to want nothing more than to caress and/or suck on all manner of penis-substitutes, such as stick shifts, long-neck bottles, and lipsticks."

What is porn's symbiotic

relationship with male dominance? Porn could be a reflection but a reflection is still a narrow explanation, and it isn't a manifestation either. One thing's for sure is that when we take a closer look at porn and masculinity it is surprising how much we aren't surprised. Why has the consumption of this obscure type of porn become mainstream? Is male dominance and objectification of women something that can stand to be tolerated further, which has found another way to become a highly marketable product? How do we put masculinity and porn to greater perspective and how can that help? If anything, it can be said that heterosexual pornography is feeding on the engrained concept of male dominance, which is not something that is easy to make go away.

"Its the Economy Stupid!"

By CHARLES "DREW" GECKLE

Recession is a word that strikes fear and anguish in the hearts of consumers and investors alike, and a chilling event that could be on the horizon as we push into the first quarter of the 2008 fiscal year. A recession, defined as two or more consecutive periods yielding (independently) negative growth, seems to be in the air, as our economy continues to trudge forward with a failing housing market, a disastrous and costly war, and a disheartened investment community.

At the moment, one of the primary indicators is the decreasing growth in GDP that the US has experienced over that last few quarters. The troubles don't end there, however, as the market has been responding to this decrease by restricting outlays and new investments. The result of this double restriction of new ventures is an economy that is losing its ability to expand, and beginning to experience less and less growth. Furthermore, the ever-depressing broadcasts of economic doom being spread across the media, our consumers are beginning to react as well, further reducing investments and expenditures.

The initial responsibility for the lack of growth and deterioration of economic prosperity can be attributed to the monstrous amount of money that this country has spent on Operation/The War on /against [insert preferred country or noun]. After years of massive over-spending, the economy is finally beginning to wear out, and, with no end to wartime expenditure in sight, the market is continuing to surge mindlessly forward into higher debt and lower returns.

To make matters worse, the housing market and its corresponding bubble-bursting action aren't helping either. Our dedicated Federal Reserve Bank attempted



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Regrettably, our national leaders and central bankers have been less than adamant about taking a stand against our impending economic downfall. As mentioned above, the FED slashed target rates in a meager attempt to give the slumping housing market a moment breath of relief. Aside from this one act (however significant it may seem), the FED seems to be content now with simply warning us the a recession *may* be on the way, and ensuring that if necessary, they're willing to cut rates to encourage more growth.

Additionally, all that that central bank's actions seem to be accomplishing is furthering the panic across the

to provide some relief by cutting the target rate, but most economists fear that it will do little. According to the National Association of Realtors, there is, as this moment, a 10-month supply of unsold homes is sitting in the market.

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world economy. The three quarter cut that it initiated in interest rates sparked little growth, and, instead, caused the Dow Jones to plunge, and spread mass panic throughout the international investment community.

Meanwhile, the office of our president told the world (well, a Chinese business newspaper called the China View) that they weren't actually expecting a recession to take place, but, rather, were expecting a "slowdown." Furthermore, the Bush administration added that they would be willing to reconsider the amount on their 150 billion dollar tax cut stimulus plan. The Treasury Secretary backed up the president by insisting that, "The structure of our economy is sound and our long-term economic fundamentals are healthy."

As cheery and uplifting as our president's comments are, they are being made amidst a lack of growth around most the world. Yesterday, the Asian and European stock market plunged, after also falling on Monday, mirroring the declines that Wall Street has been experiencing. Luckily, stock markets across the world seem to be either holding on, or beginning to climb back up after the FED's panic-inducing, pre-opening interest rate cut on Monday morning.

The recession that is about to come to pass may well be in a category of its own. Its approach will not go unnoticed, nor will its indicators be unseen. What will be the death of us, however, will not be the factors that lead up to it, but the lack of attentiveness by those who had a chance to stop it. Between a squeamish and sporadic central bank, and a presidency in denial, the economic, and therein, political and social future does not look bright. But, who knows? The economy is unpredictable. It is quite possible that the naysayers will be correct, and the economy might turn around and keep pushing forward into a better future for all.

Dispatches from Community Meeting

By ERIN-AJA GRANT

Ah the brilliant game that we love called Scattergories. Much like Community Meeting, we laugh and we try to be original and witty in our responses. Community Meeting started with the letter C as Chelsea handed out vitamin drops to the crowd. Then we promptly moved to D for Dana Patterson, and her family. Planned Parenthood and students were thanked by Anne Hembrey from the SOPP office for their participation in the conversation about sex. A Thank-you was also given to John in the ASC from 1st year Rubin [last name]. Under the category of Community Member of the Week, many had guesses but The Record editors Bryan Utley, and Edward Perkins got the chocolate. Unfortunately they did not receive certificates because of a low budget operation. Under the

letters CFB, we have 5300. Henderson is at 1225, Materials are at 1900, and Activities are at a plump 2175. The Queer center asked for \$50 for the “Mas-queer-ade”. Events manager Rory Adams-Chetham requested \$200 for a band. Nate Love asked to bring a Dj at \$75. Marissa Fisher asked for \$25 to cover supplies for the silk screening room. Levi Cowperthwaite asked for \$50 for the C-Shop for a Super Bowl party. Anne Hembrey requested \$100 for an SOPP dinner on community day. After a number of requests we went back to our category of Cil updates. Graduating 3rd year Fela Pierre-Louis reported on AdCil. There was an extensive conversation about the AC3 visit and the letter of intent. AdCil appointed a sub committee for student services and are still trying to figure out the Dean of Faculty situation. Quick subject is ComCil and the letter is L. Maybe you’re thinking LEG code, loyalty, or Levi Cowperthwaite. Levi was elected chair and gave the Cil update for ComCil. They heard CFB, did

committee appointments, and approved Edward Perkins as the second Record editor. In the announcement section letters like P,V,C where heavily favored.

Friday there will be a 70’s PornStar party at 11pm in the dance space. Storytime will begin on Mondays at 9:30pm. The C-Shop will show a double feature of Hitchcock movies this Friday and there was an earth shattering announcement regarding Scott Warren. Soon Dialogia will be presenting breakfast with Scott Warren but first they will hold a meeting on the ethics of eating, with snacks. The meeting moved quickly and smoothly until we hit a category that no one could have anticipated. Commencement committee presented the candidates for graduation, and went over each preposed speaker’s bio. Deny Engleson reminded

the community that this is a big decision. Andrej Bloch told McGregor 113 “This may be the nominations and the community can vote but I choose who speaks” before heading for the exit. Instead of the panel finishing its presentation, it turned promptly into a small crowd shocked. Phillip Wooten thanked Denny and the panel for their hard work and people seemed to calm down. After realizing that things would be fine the community moved on to the term Pulse and focused on letter F, like Freebox. Students argued free economy, Rory argued for responsibility, and Mariel debated the use of Pennell Porch as a home for lost items. At the end it sounded like FreeCycle will be history by Monday. Students are encouraged to take from it, but not to add or randomly put things in dorms or Pennell. Scattergories this week was a blast but with so few players sometimes it’s inevitable that the answers overlap.

Staff Profile: Karen Adams

By TIM PEYTON

TP: Ok I hope it’s recording. I think it’s recording. So how long have you been working here?

Karen: About 19 years.

TP: So what are some crazy things that you’ve seen around here? In nineteen years you must have seen some crazy stuff?

Karen: Well, I grew up in Yellow Springs, so I used to hang out on campus a lot. Nothing is that strange to me anymore.

TP: So was it a lot different back then?

Karen: Yea it was a lot different. Every Friday night they had midnight movies. I can’t remember if they were free or not, you never needed a pass or anything. I’m not saying that it was free or not but I honestly don’t ever remember paying. You would just come and that was it. But even though we were young our parents used to let us come even though they were so late at night. Midnight was late back then. There would be parties in the union with kegs of beer and we would all come. There seemed to be just more entertainment stuff.



TP: Did students hang out more with other kids in town?

Karen: I think so. But there would be some hostility sometimes. Not to the point of anything serious. But we still used to get called townies and we would call them things too. But basically everyone got along.

TP: So do people feel differently about Antioch in town now?

Karen: I don’t think so. But you know when I was growing up you were either the old Yellow Springs families that had been here forever or you were the professors families who’s kids you went to school with. But now, even for as small of a town as it is, you don’t know people like you used to. It’s like I don’t even know where these people come from now. So I don’t really know if I can answer that question for you correctly.

TP: How are you feeling about this whole situation the school is in right now?

Karen: I’m really frightened, but I’m also hopeful. At first when they announced it that’s all any of us could talk about. What are we going to do, were are we going to go, what’s happening next. But it’s almost like as time has gone we get the feeling that things are going to be all right. That’s where I’m at now.

TP: Do you have any idea what you might do if things don’t turn out all right?

Karen: Really right now I have no idea.

This Weekend with the ACCC





relations, and unemployment. As a panel they survived community. Then they went to the Cafeteria for lunch with students and other community members. While in the café many AC3 members spread out speaking to faculty, staff, and students. Then at 1pm many of the same people went to main building for AdCil. Andrzej Bloch immediately opened the floor and Pat Mische hit the ground running. Prof. Mische asked about faculty seats on the board, clear communication, and the inevitable wait period between now and June. Some AC3 members spoke to these issues but overall the main point was that AC3 is here to get a deal done, and make college independence. The issues of how the school will operate and faculty proceedings will be in the hands of another entity. Catherine Jordan suggested "scenario planning" because even the AC3 cannot promise an outcome of this complicated process. Eric Bates told Hassan Rahmanian, "[T]o make negotiations that are fair and

balanced, that's tricky." AdCil asked about how it could help and made pleas on the part of community members, refrencing the "rollercoaster ride" that the community has experienced. Hassan Nejad was on speakerphone for the duration of meeting. The committees that AdCil created were encouraged by the AC3. Members were told to continue to meet and try to come up with workable solutions. Visiting AdCil, the AC3 seemed to show an understanding of Antioch that most fear being lost. First year Eva Erikson attended AdCil gaining clarity on the role of the AC3. "It was good to hear, to keep morale...it's still up in the air." Eva stated "They are going to help us but they are not magicians with wands." When asked, the AC3 confirmed that this is not a sentimental journey for them. They are just trying to get the college in an independent state, and do so as smoothly as possible.

Next the ACCC went to committee meetings, and met with students, staff, and faculty

again. The meetings were held in Weston Hall. People talked in small groups about communication, budgets, and governance. Beth Goodney, Jamila Hunter, Fela Pierre-Louis, and Julian Sharp participated in a conference call with Alums across the country. People were discussing governance upstairs in a quiet room, while others discussed the budget and the information around it. Communications focused on positive PR, Alums, and Antiochians.org. Antioch community members came together to debate tactics, while discussing realities of the current situation. After the committees the AC3 went to have dinner with the faculty in the Inn. They talked and answered questions. Philosophy professor Scott Warren described the AC3, "they are taking time out of their work, their lives and working on this all day... you know good people." The next stop for them was the dorms and they were there. Alums were in Units, Birch, Mills, and North. Just like the schedule said, they

where talking to students. After interviewing some students it was obvious that the review was mixed, although this was clearly because of limited student participation in the meetings, as opposed to negative feelings about the ACCC itself.

The members met with students asking about their needs and concerns. Drew Geckle, second year, met Eric Bates and Rick Daily in Unit #1 during the dorm visit. He told the Record, "We got the impression that they wanted to know about what life was like on campus." Some students just didn't see or meet the AC3 all weekend. The dorm interactions seemed to have a positive effect for some like first year Stacy Johnson, who told the record that she thought it was productive. Students who met with the AC3 like first year Ian DeLaire who attended the North meeting was impressed and skeptical. "They were incredibly friendly" he noted, "They had a much different understanding of the quality of education. Their view was based on their experience when

they were students here rather than what's going on."

Through committees, lunch, and dorm visits the AC3 made themselves accessible to students and the general consensus was that the visit was successful. Corri Frohlich told the record that she thought the AC3 did a good job gaining participation from the campus. In AdCil it was reported that the AC3 submitted a letter of intent to the Antioch University Board of Trustees this past Monday. The letter will be discuss during the BOT conference call scheduled for this Thursday. Community Manager Chelsea Martens commented on these new developments. "This is a really positive thing for Antioch College, it's the direction we were hoping for." Martens told the Record, "We still have to hold out for what comes out of the February BOT meeting." As we move forward Antioch will continue trying to fight for community process and the salvation of larger morals.

SENIOR PROFILE : JON WOHLFERT

By ALEX METTE

What are you studying here at Antioch College?

Mostly film and video

Where do you go from here?

After here you kind of start at the bottom. What I want to do is work on film, in order to do that you have to start at doing lighting or being a gaffer, or something like that. You have to start off as being part of a team before you can have jobs where you can have more creative responsibility.

So you could end up with a day job?

Yeah a day job but a day job in film.

How do you feel about your education here at Antioch, going out into a job market, do you feel competitive?

Yeah I would say so; here in general you have the opportunity to get out what you put into it. I feel like there's more than

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enough that media arts can offer, in terms of all the equipment that we do have and the support of the faculty. Probably the most valuable part of my education is learning to do without things and take the simple elements that we have and make something out of it. Its not big budget or anything but its a very good independent film maker program you could say.

What do you think has changed the most since you were a first year?

I don't want to say the sense of community is different but its something like that.

Maybe it has something to do with geography. For instance the area that I probably hang out in most now is around Birch and Mills is someplace I rarely went my first year when Presidents was still around. I thought I'd live in West and now West is now semi-permanently a hazard zone, which is probably a good thing I didn't live there because I would have caught the black mold or something.

I lived in Presidents as long as it was standing. That kind of a whole area of campus that used to be a thriving social area that was unique to the way it was set up. That's a very visible thing that's happened and I'd say it probably had a lot of social implications.

What do you think you'll miss the least at Antioch and what do you think you'll miss the most?

I probably will miss the messiness of it all the least. Having to deal with mold. Just this messy dirty feeling begets more

messy dirtiness. Where I lived it was filthy. My second term a health and wellbeing class came through my hall and took pictures. It was part of their job to take pictures and I guess they asked themselves how anyone could live here and what it did to their health and wellbeing. We probably took more pride in that than we should have.

On the other hand the thing I will miss the most is just the camaraderie, at least potentially, between staff and faculty. We don't idolize our professors for being the wonderfully educated brilliant people that they are, in a way it helps you learn that you are just in an earlier part of your education than they are. The greatest thing the faculty and everybody can give you is their experience. Whereas I'm about to step out to where its surnames again, Mr. So and So from the bank and Mr. So and So writes your paycheck. Having that first name basis with people, having them be your peers as much as they are your professors. Having that from the onset is just a great thing to have. Anywhere else that's not a given.

About Face: Alvarez & Marsal

By ALEX BOROWICZ

Twenty-five years of business have not tamed the style of Alvarez and Marsal, LLC. The firm, hired by the Antioch College Continuation Corporation, is the latest in a long list of accessories to the salvation of Antioch College.

Based out of New York City, the firm is best known for its corporate turnaround and restructuring services. Formed in 1983 by Tony Alvarez II and Bryan Marsal, the firm has grown to its present global size by blazing a trail for turnaround management as a business. Far from its initial office, the firm has grown to include 30 offices in cities such as Denver and San Francisco, and as far away as Shanghai, China.

Alvarez and Marsal's previous clients include AMERCO, Interstate Bakeries—known for such products as WonderBread, Grady Memorial Hospital of Atlanta, and Levi Strauss. Now a leader in the international industry that is turnaround management, Alvarez and Marsal are often approached by businesses and organizations which are struggling to turn around their worsening finances. The firm employs an approach which it describes as providing “radically different advice and hands-on support to organizations facing operational and financial hurdles.”

Despite their impressive track record, Alvarez and Marsal have run into some sticky situations in the past. In 2005, the Yorkshire Post reported on the firm's



ALVAREZ & MARSAL

work for the Bradford Teaching Hospitals Foundation NHS Trust which had built up substantial debts. The trust was dissatisfied with the firm's expenses bill of £25,460. A breakdown of the expenses revealed that the bill was indeed off the mark and was subsequently reduced by over £10,000.

The firm's work involving Antioch has thus far been largely what Eric Bates, co-chair of the Antioch College Continuation

Corporation, referred to as “information gathering... for the letter of intent” that the corporation is currently formulating for submission to the Antioch University Board of Trustees.

Bates noted that the corporation had “invited proposals from several different groups,” but that “Alvarez and Marsal brought the most to the table in terms of [what was needed].”

Employees of the firm have been on campus in recent weeks, examining the campus and performing tasks related to their “information gathering.” When asked what the firm had uncovered, Laura Markham, secretary of the Continuation Corporation, commented that “they have learned that Antioch College is an impoverished institution.”

The Antioch College Continuation Corporation is unsure of the role Alvarez and Marsal will play following the completion of the letter of intent. Bates was non-committal, but suggested that the firm may still have a part to play in the salvation of the college after February.

Election '08 Updates

By ZACHY GALLANT

This week has been eventful, but I am saving the best for next week's spread, where I will be reporting direct from the ground on Election Day, working for Barack Obama in one of the nearby Super Tuesday states. Everything hinges on next week. There are 22 states voting this coming Tuesday, and it could well decide the nominees from both parties. In the meantime, here's a quick recap of the elections from the past week.

On Saturday, South Carolina Democrats cast their ballots, with Barack Obama taking away the remainder of Hillary's momentum in a landslide victory proving once and for all his viability and bringing Super Tuesday back to the status of a real dog fight. The Clinton campaign have worked to downplay the results, but being outdone two to one is a serious blow to an establishment candidate, and it will be interesting to see the effect it has on their strategy going into February 5. Edwards was once more humiliated, this time in his own home state, but he has sworn to continue on to the convention. The demographic

breakdown of voters is actually fairly interesting sociologically. Obama won equal proportions of the male and female votes, and swept the youth vote and the Black vote. What's interesting is that Hillary did not win women or white voters. Hillary took the remainder of the Black vote not swept by Barack and but lost to John Edwards among white voters. Analyze it as you wish, the numbers are interesting.

The South Carolina Republican Primary was far less intriguing, simply solidifying John McCain's status as frontrunner instead of flash-in-the-pan, keeping hope alive for the Huckabee team who showed their strength in the South by pulling off a strong second place, and further humiliating everyone else.

On Tuesday, Florida cast its votes, which only matter on the Republican side. The Democratic Party invalidated the delegates of any state primary before February other than the original early states of Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada, and South Carolina. Hillary Clinton won both meaningless states in that category, Michigan and Florida, Michigan because Obama was not even on the ballot, and



Florida because, as Republican candidates still see her as their biggest threat and Republican voters fear her most, all their attacks have centered on her as they've campaigned throughout the state.

No delegates were rewarded, and no coverage was given on any news source. Interestingly, however, Dennis Kucinich, after dropping out of the race and being excluded from all debates, still managed to pull in a full 1%

of the vote.

While the Republican Party still punished the state, it only halved their delegates, instead of fully negating them. In the Republican race in Florida, it was tight between John McCain and Mitt Romney, with Rudy Giuliani being utterly humiliated. After spending \$30 million in the state and coming away with a distant third-place finish, almost tied with Huckabee, this will be the end of any

viability the President of 9/11's campaign ever had. Speculation of his dropping out and endorsing McCain has led to the first rumors of sanity in the man's long career. The race stood as the final fight between Romney and McCain, with McCain coming out of it as the uncontested Republican frontrunner when he won, and destroying the hopes and dreams of Mitt Romney who was depending on Florida to keep him in the fight.

MUNITION OF THE WEEK

By NICK CHOJNOWSKI



Initially developed in 1972 under the name of the Atchisson Assault Shotgun (from which the USAS-12 also derives) the design of the AA-12 was updated and refined under stringent U.S. Army standards. The current Auto Assault 12 by Military Police Systems Inc. is the only fully-automatic shotgun capable of continuous fire at 360 RPM while maintaining a level of felt recoil that has been compared to that of a pogo stick, meaning it can be fired by almost anyone, even one-handed or upside down (promotional videos show the weapon being fired by a 5' tall, 100lb. model). And it does all that in a package no

larger than an M4. This wonder weapon requires no tools to maintain it, consists of only eight pieces (including the yard long recoil spring), and feeds from an 8 round box or 20 or 40 round drum. During testing by Blackwater Inc, the gun successfully fed over

5000 rounds without jamming having been neither cleaned nor lubricated. The gun's polymer body is easily replaced to facilitate repair or to swap for a different camouflage pattern.

The AA-12 may soon come to replace the reliable but much less efficient shotguns

currently in use by the military for CQB operations, no doubt welcome news to many soldiers as insurgents who don't fear an M16 are said to live in terror of a shotgun.

Clearly, a shotgun that can empty a 20 round drum of #4 buckshot in four seconds

from a Humvee in the street outside would be a nightmare come to life. And speaking of ammunition, the AA-12's developers haven't stopped at buckshot. Frag-12 ammunition turns the AA-12 from a lead-spewing, room-clearer to a rapid-fire grenade launcher as versatile as the M-79. The Frag-12 line of ammunition includes High Explosive, Fragmentation (of course), and HEAT rounds, meaning that in a dire situation, a lone soldier with an AA-12 has the potential to neutralize armored vehicles by themself.

Please send comments, questions and suggestions for future articles to munitionoftheweek@verizon.net.

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Begining on Feb. 1st

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
>> 2:00 <i>p.m.</i> in the C-Shop: Guerilla Recruitment Meeting	>> 6:00 <i>p.m.</i> in Mills Kitchen: Vegan Potluck	>> 1:00 <i>p.m.</i> in the Wellness Center: Studying On a Lazy Afternoon	>> 8:00 <i>p.m.</i> in the Wellness Center: The Icharus Project	>> 8:00 <i>a.m.</i> in Main Building Conference Room: AdCil	>> 12:00 <i>p.m.</i> in the McPhaden Room, Antioch Inn: Campus Greening Committee	>> 3:00 <i>p.m.</i> in the Main Building Conference Room: ComCil
>> 4:15 <i>p.m.</i> in the C-Shop: RAB		>> 6:00 <i>p.m.</i> Antioch Environmental Center: AEG Meeting		>> 3:00 <i>p.m.</i> in McGregor 113: Community Meeting	>> 8:30 <i>p.m.</i> in the Wellness Center: Survivor's Group	>> 7:00 <i>p.m.</i> in the Wellness Center: Dream Group
>> 8:30 in South Gym: MJ's Swing Class				>> 7:00 <i>p.m.</i> in the Wellness Center: Radical Crafting		
>> 9:00 <i>p.m.</i> at Wellness Center : Friday Night Events/ Chem Free Parties				>> 10:00 <i>p.m.</i> in the Wellness Center: Story Time		

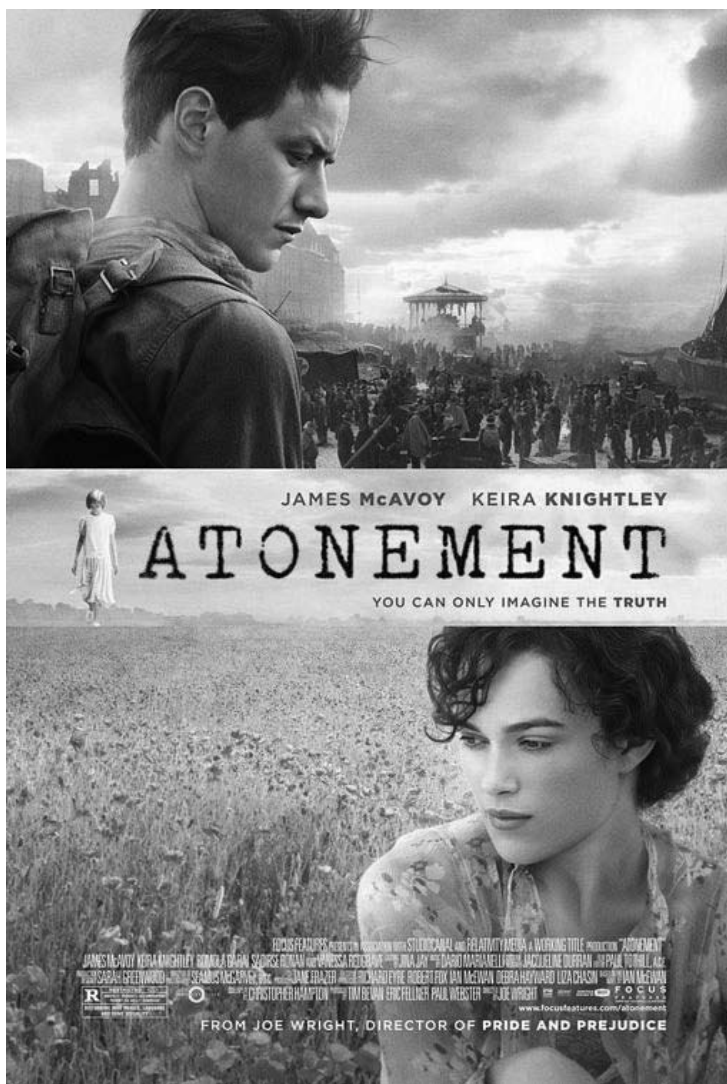
Movie Reviews

By TIM PEYTON

My mom reads Entertainment Weekly, and when I'm home I see the covers and glance through occasional issues while listening to Dr. Phil's voice come down the hall way and into the dining room. Before I left home *Atonement* was on the cover of Entertainment and the two lead actors stared out at me showing their sexy eyes and puffy lips. When I saw *Atonement* the other night I realized what I was getting into. I can see my eyes rolling when it wins its academy awards and makes millions at the box office. I don't care about that; I really, really don't give a shit. What really bothers me the most is not bashing this movie for the Record or telling everybody that I hated this film for countless reasons, but when I have to tell my mom what I think of it.

This is more typical for me than any movie, even *Atonement*. The standard situation is the dinnertime fight of my call for art over a plate of pork chops. My Dad doesn't want to watch art; he wants to listen to *Law & Order* while fishing through the bottom shelf of the refrigerator. My sister is going to be so frustrated with me when I try to explain to her that these themes like love and war are just as messed up to me as sex and violence. Only my dog Sage will listen to me. But even she doesn't give a shit; she's watching Dr. Phil on the couch.

I really liked the beginning of this film, seriously I did. There are amazing sounds in this film. I sat there watching the first half of this film thinking about how I was going to write this flowery review about how amazing *Atonement* sounded. I felt like no matter what this film is stimulating my ears all the way down to the sounds of a bee. But then it all came down on me. Not only can I not trust movies about love and war but this film also threw out some pretty awful messages while it was at it. I'm going to share the messages and skip over the



story so that I won't have to ruin the ending for all you movie lovers out there. Of course there's a twist. There's always a twist. How the twist unfolds matters less and less when you expect one. But mostly the problem lies in figuring out what it is this film is actually saying, if anything at all.

Atonement is about sex. *Atonement* is also about rape and how the child in this film sees them as the same thing. The messages from this are how children are often foolish and selfish and how the raped are often liars. I feel like I can't go further into this without giving away too much of the story. But sex and rape and love and war are bad combinations and should only be talked about appropriately and with care, which this movie does not do. Ultimately in the media and Hollywood world, this film isn't about any of those things. It's about how love can last despite anything, even a war, or some-

thing like that. This is when I think of my mom.

I don't eat meat. Wait, I try not to eat meat. But when I come home for break my mom is always so happy and she cooks me what used to be my favorite meal: pork chops. I can't tell her no, she doesn't deserve it. I know my mom is going to love this film. She read the book; I'm sure she'll see it soon and watch the awards. But this is just an example of how fucked up popular culture is. Because I can't do anything but be happy for her about that. No matter how much I despise it or see it in a way differently than her. I can't tell her that one of the few things in this God awful world that relaxes her isn't good enough for me. She doesn't deserve that. That's why I can't tell her, I won't tell her. Fuck you *Atonement* and every other awful thing Hollywood blows up and shoves down my throat. I can't escape it.

Music Reviews

By JON WOHLFERT

THE MAGNETIC FIELDS *DISTORTION*

The latest from Stephin Merritt and Co. is yet another pseudo-conceptual romp through baroque rock gems. Opposed to 2004's *I*, in which every song title began with that letter, and 1999's *69 Love Songs*, a self explanatory three-disc set, this album features all aspects of the songs dripping reverb and yes, distortion. This may be a fitting departure, if it is one at all; the album notes of *I* declared it to be played and recorded entirely acoustically, which was itself a stance against the band's own history, since they have often used synthesizers and drum machines as primary instruments in the past. On *Distortion* the instruments are still live, but their dirty electric virtue is perhaps a foil of the lush orchestration of *I*, though *Distortion* has as many hooks as its predecessor.

As anyone who has listened to all 69 Love Songs on that particular collection will know, the idea of being able to discern a musical arch from a Fields album is a fairly new and novel one. Coming in at a mere 13 tracks, just under 40 minutes, this is a pleasurable listen and a fine thing to sit down with. Though, again, as the title suggests this isn't easy listening per se. If anyone was going to tell you that sound that may be a lot like a saw or closely-miked vacuum cleaner was enjoyable, it would be me, now. Don't fret though; this isn't Metal Machine Music or even Helikopter-Streichquartett, just a little indie arena-style rocking from a band that still plays modest clubs and whose principle singer and songwriter plays a mandolin on a stool, albeit an electrified one.

BILL CALLAHAN *WOKE ON A WHALEBACK*

Most will not recognize the name Bill Callahan even if you are familiar with his music, that which has until now been released under the moniker (smog). Bill has recorded and released Smog records for over ten years now, but this is his first outing as himself, per se. Like others who perform under monikers (ie Phil Elverum/ Microphones-Mount Eerie, Madlib/Quasimoto-Yesterday's New Quintet) Bill Callahan's both writing and performance is far removed from recent Smog releases, which have been very sparse and acoustic. The release sees Bill with a full backing band and more words than roughly five Smog albums. Whereas as Smog he tends to rely on repetition of phrases, both lyrical and musical, *Wheleback* takes such phrases that might have stood alone as Smog but here are joined with other phrases to make actual stanzas. Verses and choruses, even!

Let me clarify that all of the

above are not critiques, necessarily, because these things all bode well for Bill and his new musical persona. This record is very fun to listen to, there are electric guitars, rock and roll drums, as well as the electric bass, all of which people seem to enjoy. If you enjoy these things, this record may interest you. Not since the Jim O'Rourke produced epoch of Smog have we enjoyed such full orchestration, and that was when drums seemed novel. The writing here is tremendous, and there is a very clear flow of the concepts and lyricisms of each song coming seeping into each other and then being reborn mere songs later. A note on the songs: there are 9 of them, though the album still clocks out at 40 minutes. That's nap length, though the long and short of it is this isn't music to dose to: there is funk, there is folk. Put this on and dance, but heed Bill and his stories; you might just "dance yourself into a diamond."

Vegan Recipe of the Week

By SALLY BELL ALPER

Marinated Tempeh

So I'm not much for planning too far in advance of a rumbling tummy, but I tried out a recipe and was amazed at its simplicity and deliciousness.

Tempeh is a block of fermented soybeans originally from Indonesia. Many people with soy sensitivities are able to digest tempeh better because of the fermentation. It generally comes in vacuum-sealed plastic packaging and can be found next to tofu in many grocery stores. I like getting the multi-grain tempehs that have rice and other stuff in it.

Cut the tempeh into whatever size or shape you want. I prefer medium triangles sliced thinly. The key to marinating tempeh and masking the bitter flavor is to boil or steam it for 10ish minutes. Then just place it in your marinade for an hour or more. Then fry, grill, bake, or even eat uncooked. You can find and invent recipes for marinades, but here is the one I tried out...

Mix together:

¾ cups vegetable broth,

2 tbs. soy sauce,

2 tsp apple cider vinegar,

2 tbs. liquid smoke,

2 tbs. olive oil,

2 tbs. pure maple syrup.

A bunch of lovely dumpster diving folks gave me a ton of tempeh, so if you want to try some marinated tempeh I'll be making it for Vegan Potluck on Saturday at 6 pm. Come help cook or bring something to share.

HOROSCOPES

Adam Rose

Here are astrological profiles for the two Democratic front-runners:

Hillary Clinton: With 3 of her major planets in Scorpio, and 3 in Leo, she's an intensely charismatic and powerful person. What's more, her 3 planets in Leo are Mars, Saturn, and Pluto: War, Authority, and Power, all in a row. With this combination she could likely be unstoppable. What's most interesting is that her Moon is at 29 degrees Pisces. This is a degree of clairvoyance, meaning she sees right through deception, and has a sixth sense. Her Moon is trine her Mercury and Jupiter, meaning she's able to articulate her intuitions, allowing her to grab opportunities others may not foresee. Her Part of Fortune is in Aquarius, meaning her happiness will come from creating humanitarian change, however this may be blocked by being square to her Sun in Scorpio—there's conflict between her humanitarian ideals and drive to power.

Barack Obama: Overall, his chart looks more diplomatic and balanced. His Midheaven and True Node are both in Leo, meaning he's destined for public prominence and positions of leadership. He has a Part of Fortune/Pluto conjunction in Virgo, meaning his happiness in life will come through service to humanity, especially involving efforts to restructure service institutions like health care. His Jupiter in Aquarius trine Moon in Gemini means he believes in social justice, and is a charming communicator. However, with Lilith in Leo in the 10th house, there are complexes relating to the drive for power, and he knows how to use manipulative tactics to gain position, just like any other healthy politician.

ARIES: You're finally fighting with the group, rather than against it. An unlikely romance could occur with a fellow fighter for justice.

TAURUS: It seems like you have nothing but work to do, but you're getting amazing things accomplished. The world is opening up for you.

GEMINI: Don't stop now. Your impulses are in tune with the best aspirations of those around you. You're hot and unexpected romance is near.

CANCER: Your feelings may be overwhelming all rational thought processes, and you find it impossible to get any work done. If you can sink your claws into a suitable partner, sex could be amazing right now.

LEO: Others may be excluding you and acting as if it's all your fault. Take time to self-reflect. After it's all over, you can emerge the wiser.

VIRGO: Society is finally paying attention to things you've quietly been working for. Others are listening to your concerns, and in your daily work you have the satisfaction of belonging to something greater.

LIBRA: The world around you has suddenly changed, and you're aware of exactly how this change was brought about. Because of this knowledge, you find yourself thrown into a position of unexpected leadership. A meeting with someone feels like a dream-come-true.

SCORPIO: All kinds of frightening, delicious things are surfacing from your subconscious. You're discovering amazing things about your emotional-sexual self, but may have difficulty expressing yourself in words.

SAGITTARIUS: You're working more for the group than for your own benefit, which is good, because you still have a lot of influence, and you don't want to cause another scene.

CAPRICORN: You're powerful and attractive right now. Avoid acting completely selfishly, or you could crush the dreams of others and create enemies.

AQUARIUS: There's a welcome break from fantasy and an opportunity for practical changes. The mist clears for a moment, and your old clarity of vision returns.

PISCES: People are actually listening to your crazy ideas now. As usual, your greatest enemy remains reality, but you're able to clearly see your opponents' maneuvers and could possibly outwit them.



Declassifieds

Question of the Week

By ALEX METTE

Julie,
Aliens are NOT
science, but you are
cute so whatever.
-D

You're too cute, and so
taken. Get out of my
head, Travis.

You are my sunshine,
my only sunshine,
you make me happy
when skies are grey.
You'll never know dear
how much I love you...

Flush the Toilets,
Please.

Thanks to all the
dedicated alumni who
haven't given up.

Levi B,
Your managerial skills
are the shiz. We love
working for the coolest
vegan on campus!
-your loving
employees.

Miss Pergrem,
This is real love, and
hot ass heels.
Love, brother

Grrad yrr baak laa-fin.
-Zombie

Frohlich-
You are one good
lookin' date. You make
my heart all a-flutter!
-your handsome date
(wink)

ZERO!
I LOVE YOU...

Dennie Eagleson,
You're a fox.

Rory looks like Horace
Mann...

Caf staff,
thank you

Professor Plum,
In the Kitchen
with the dildo

Natalie Adams,
Rock me Amadeus

Natalie and Ethan,
Piano fell on my
Grandma.

"Masturbate"
- Eric Baumann, 2nd year

"Smoke more crack."
- Zero

"Think about smoking."
- Meredith Chennnell 5th year

"Not go."
- Paul Duellman, 2nd year

"RAAARRRRRRRR!"
- Tyrannosaurus Rex

"Parties? What Parties? There's
Parties?"
- Editors



