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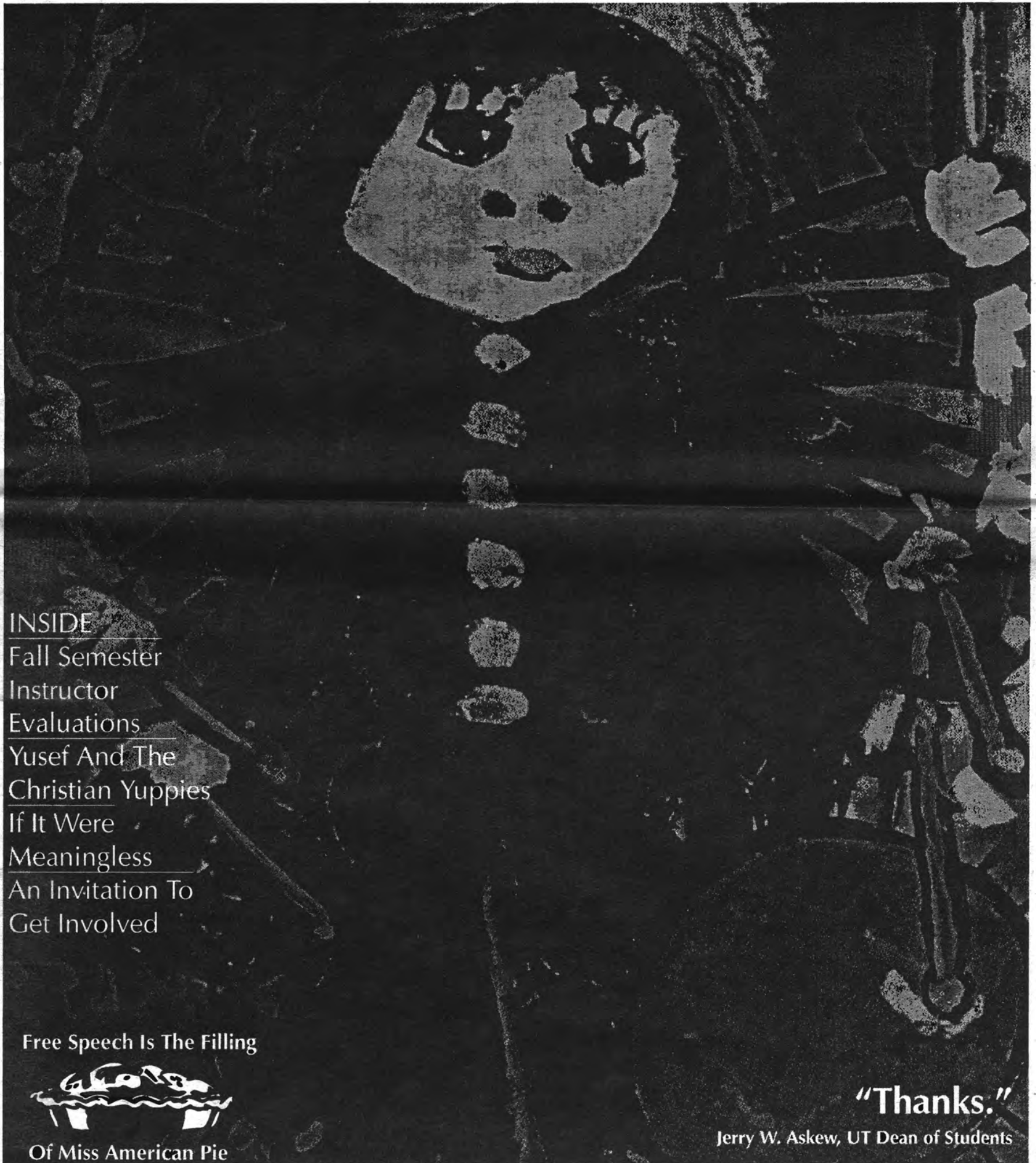
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"Thanks."

Jerry W. Askew, UT Dean of Students



Yusef And The Christian Yuppies

By Elroy Ringwald
The Lane Monkey Manifesto

Yusef and I were downing the Drano at a local dive, killing time in that morose and murderous way seen only in men who've been shorn of their women. Yusef was a widower and I was a dee-vor-say;

both us had come down pretty far in the world. Yusef was retired, and kept himself busy turning out carved wooden curios—dolphins, lions, maenads, nymphs—in the carpentry shed behind his house. I myself was lingering rather pathetically among the last outposts on the frontier of youth: soon I would be old enough to become President of the United States or Consul of the Roman Empire—although, to be perfectly honest, I was not expecting a call for either position.

As usual, we passed the hours trashing the government (local, state, national, celestial), settling the hash of world history and culture (shamelessly praising our favorites, mercilessly condemning those we disliked), watching the college girls walking up and down the Strip—and cursing the college boys walking beside them ("Look at that asshole, with his cap on backwards and his Metallica T-shirt! Totally unworthy of a beauty like her. Why would she

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Lettuhs To The Edituh

Dear Rev. Dr. Neøn Fleshbiscuit:
Thanks.
Sincerely,
Jerry W. Askew, Dean

Dear Edituh,
Loved your last publication! How I wish you would do a personals column! I am a practitioner of Tantric Yoga Female Domination and can not find a submissive male. What's a Goddess to do? Have you seen the

Memphis Flyer? They do a great job, looks profitable too. Help me I command it!
Margo

Dear LMM,
Enclosed is \$1 and a note from Dante Larsen, and \$1 from me. Seems what happened is that Dante sent you and me a buck each, but accidentally addressed your buck to me, since your review in FF#36 was right below mine. So, I interpreted the re-routing as a "strong signal", possibly divine, indicating that I should at least re-read you review. I

did, and decided that it may be worth a read. So I threw my buck in with Dante's, and typing this now, (but this tense will change by the time you read this) and so. Now Dante Larsen, The Krylon Underground, and the Lane Monkey Manifesto are hopelessly linked by destiny forever.
Thanks y'all. Signing off for now...
Robert N. German, Jr., Editor

Dear Lane Monkey,
I found your listing in the Factsheet Five magazine.

Since your publication is based from a campus, (and undoubtedly some of the best computer scientists (HACKERS) are enrolled there), I seek your/their assistance in a matter of extremely grave importance.

I am attempting to reunite a mother with the daughter she was forced to adopt out 17 years ago. I am trying to locate (get a fixed address) the mother.

I believe I can provide enough 'UPDATED' general information (i.e. maiden name, two places of current part-time employment, community of the city in which she lives = NYC, etc.), that a 'QUALIFIED' hacker can trace her down.

It is my sincerest wish that you may or know of someone who may possess the inherent ability to use a computer in this tactful manner.

Sincerely,
Travis Carter, DOC#97219
Camp-C, Jaguar-2, R#1
LA State Prison
Angola, LA 70712

Neøn—
I have moved out of town but still follow the actions of the monkey with interest. Could you please bring me up to date by sending issues [to me]. I especially enjoyed the 'Why Do Drugs?' debate—a question I have axed myself quite often of late. Also Blueberry Spies is a masterpiece. I can't say enuff about the genius of Mr. Jasper. Perhaps I'll

have a sketch that's good enuff to send in myself some day.
Thanx, Levi

Dear LML,
Greetings from Brooklyn. I saw the review of your zine in FFF. It sounds great and I'm glad to see their is some 'fringe elements' in Knoxville. I spent my senior year of high school (1980) at Oliver Springs High School. My parents couldn't afford to send me on the international program. So I signed up for the AFS domestic program. I remember all the weird nuclear stuff that was and is going on down there. I lived about 3 miles from K-25. Anyways, I look forward to receiving LML, enclosed you'll find 1 dollar.

Thank you, David Hunter

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If It Were Meaningless

by Burovirgil Lawson III
Recent Defector to the City of Memphis

In the land of milk and sour milk there were a lot of people. There were more people alive than people that had ever lived. One could see more people in a day than one might ever come to know in a lifetime. People were everywhere, rushing by and bumping into. Strangers were far more common than friends or family.

However, a stranger could also seem familiar. One might, for a brief moment, mistake a stranger for a relative, or a spouse, or a friend known years before. This happened all the time in the land of milk and sour milk. People could resemble another, and it

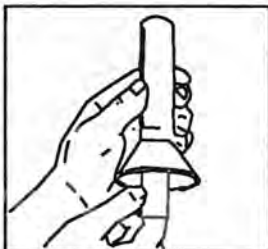
was even said that a person's personality was like that of another person even though the two people might be strangers to one another.

Ironically, some people were known by millions of people by name. They are called celebrities, and one usually knows the name of a celebrity or one doesn't care to know. A celebrity could be like a friend, or oneself, either in appearance or in manner.

There were more people in the land of milk and sour milk than names, and thus a stranger might be called by your name. Even a friend, or relative, might have the same

name as your own. As the number of people grew, so did the names of people become the same.

People would joke, "Do you ever really get to know anybody?" And people would laugh, as if it were meaningless, as if the milk weren't really sour.



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The Drop & Add Checklist: Your Comments From Fall Semester 1990

LAME MONKEY INSTRUCTOR EVALUATIONS



Welcome to the Instructor Evaluations of Fall Semester 1990. This survey represents the responses of students who were asked to evaluate their instructors "on the basis of teaching ability, professionalism, and accessibility."

Every effort has been made to confirm course information and name spellings. If there are mistakes, we beg forgiveness.

A Point of Warning: This survey is not statistically accurate. There is no way we can say that, "accurate to $\pm 3\%$, Instructor X is a good teacher," nor do we recommend that anyone prejudices a course or professor based solely on this information. Some evaluations represent 2% of students in a class, some 50% or more. This floating sampling rate relates directly to evaluation's accuracy.

We feel that this survey is useful not because of its flawless precision, but because it's the only information of its kind available to students. If you would like it to be more reliable—help out, give us a call. We will do our best to provide survey forms to any student or faculty member wishing to distribute them.

We admire other university-conducted attempts towards a more accurate instructor evaluation process, but by not making the results available except to a select few administrators, it offers no practical assistance to the student. Remember, you deserve to pick and choose: it's your education, your time and your money.

Thanks to all who have participated and spent massive amounts of time. Watch for posters at the end of this next semester for polling times and places...

How To Use This Information:

1. The first number next to the instructor's name is the total number of responses we had regarding that prof. Remember, the more students surveyed, the more reliable the evaluation.

2. The next number is the Grade Point Average of the Instructor. The Instructors were graded on a scale of A-F, where 'A' is 4 and 'F' is 0. The total number of these 'quality points' is divided by the total number of responses, much like the way your own GPA is figured.

3. The icon graphically represents an instructor's reported performance.

4. Comments are excerpts from comments given by our interviewees and do not necessarily reflect those of the publishers, etc.

5. Enjoy.

Accounting

- 210 Accounting**
- Finch 1 4.00
- "The greatest!"
- Townsend 1 2.00
- "Boring!!!"
- 202 Management**
- Slaughbaugh 2 3.00
- "Needs to grow a beard."
- 311 Intermed Accounting**
- Stanga 2 4.00
- "Wrote the book!"
- 321 Cost Accounting**
- Dittrich 1 1.00
- "Fat, mutters, doesn't go over problems well."

Advertising

- 250 Advertising Principle**
- Hoy 1 1.00
- "Too cheesy in the morning!
Dumb projects!"

Anthropology

- 120 Prehistoric Archaeology**
- Simek 1 4.00
- 130 Cultural Anthro**
- Logan 2 4.00
- "Fair, a good teacher. Take his course if you can." "Tests are very comprehensive, but this guy is a great lecturer. They should xerox Logan and put him in every department."
- 312 Appalachian Culture**
- Howell 2 1.50
- "Boring as hell."

Art

- 101 Drawing**
- Haran 1 4.00
- "A good artist and a good teacher."
- 220 Intro to Throwing**
- Darrow 1 3.00
- "Skill-oriented, classic forms, Christian."
- 321 Photography**
- Lee 2 4.00
- "Doesn't try to tell you what to believe."

Astronomy

- 151 Intro Astro**
- Hartmatz 1 0.00
- "She's a stupid bitch who mumbles too much and gets excited about stupid stuff."
- Lide 1 2.00
- Pegg 1 1.00
- "Likes to lecture as much as possible, few tests, but a lot of trivial questions, very hard."
- 161 Intro Astro w/ Lab**
- Haass 1 3.00
- "This guy really tries but soon lets us figure things out. Nice man."
- Riedinger 2 3.50
- "She's dull as a rock. Some days she just puts me to sleep, just stay in bed."

Basic Engineering

- 131 Particle Dynamics**
- Kim 1 3.00
- "Fair teacher and very fair tests."

201 Numerical Techniques

- Sari-Saraf 1 4.00
- "Good teacher. Willing to help at all times. Slightly hard tests."

Biology

- 110 General Biology**
- Cox 1 3.00
- "Lots of info to learn but basically well taught and presented."
- Nauman 1 4.00
- "Notes are crystal clear. Go out of your way to talk to him."

Botany

- 330 Field Botany**
- Wofford 5 2.60
- "Knowledgeable in field but clueless to life." "A true human." "Fun, needs to stay real on tests."

Broadcasting

- 310 Radio News**
- England 1 3.00
- 320 Radio/TV Advertising**
- Buchman 1 3.00
- "Don't do much in class."
- 410 Television News**
- Zeigler 3 2.67
- "Great class, but a lot of outside class work." "Started the semester as a tyrant. Ended by taking the class drinking."
- 420 TV Sales / Promotion**
- Buchman 1 1.00
- "Dr. Joe is moving kinda slow at the a.m."
- 430 TV Production**
- Swan 1 4.00
- "Fun, easy and terribly moving. Gave me chills."
- 480 Broadcast Programming**
- Moore 1 4.00
- "Fun teacher, but her lectures, even her 'spontaneous outbursts' all seem pre-recorded."

Business Law

- 301 Legal Environ/Business**
- Bentley 1 0.00
- "Obnoxious, can't teach."

Chemistry

- 120 General Chemistry**
- Adcock 1 1.00
- "Hard enough to learn in the English language. If you get a foreign TA, it's all over."
- Peterson 1 3.00
- "Good teacher. Funny and keeps your attention. Great grading scale."
- 130 Chemistry**
- Grimm 1 4.00
- "Good teacher. Fair tests."
- 350 Organic**
- Schell 1 3.00
- "Good lectures. Doesn't pull punches on tests, not for those who just want to pass."

Classics

- 221 Greek Mythology**
- Tandy 1 4.00
- "Most interesting teacher ever."

301 Latin II

- Martin 1 4.00

Communications

- 100 Intro to Mass Comm**
- Ashdowne 2 4.00
- "A great mind teaching not-so-great minds." "Great teacher, keeps you interested in lectures."
- 390 Graphic Communication**
- Everett 1 3.00
- "A little dry, but also dry sense of humor. Very fair."
- 400 Communications Law**
- Bowles 1 1.00
- "Holds a grudge and grades accordingly. Difficult tests on material not discussed in class."
- Moore 2 4.00
- "Beats the pants off Dr. Bowles!!" "Pretty cool, but pray that she likes you."

Computer Science

- 101 Intro To Programming**
- Richardson 10 3.10
- "Always willing to help." "No help, doesn't teach well." "Super help." "I hope he is as lenient on me as I am on him in the final grade."
- 111 Computer Organization**
- Poore 1 0.00
- "Expects you to know things you don't. No partial credit."
- 311 Discrete Structures**
- Thomason 1 4.00
- "Straight-forward & fair, but not overly exciting."
- 536 Thy Asp Comp-Aid Des**
- Blair 1 4.00
- "Always smiling."

Economics

- 201 Intro Econ: Survey CR**
- Phillips 1 1.00
- "Sleep during class, monotone bastard. Great grade curve."
- Phillips 1 3.00
- "Little crazy, but very cool."
- Spiva 1 1.00
- "Looks & sounds like Mickey Mouse."

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Barrels of Oil The United States consumes each day: 17 million. Barrels imported each day: 8.4 million. Barrels used by average American each year: 26; average Italian: 11. Percentage of U.S. oil that goes to fuel cars and trucks: 49%. Percentage of U.S. oil supplied by Iraq and Kuwait prior to the current trade embargo: 5%. Percentage of U.S. oil that would be saved if average car fuel efficiency were increased by 2.8 miles per gallon: 5%. MPG for average car driven in US: 19. MPG of most fuel efficient car on market: 55. Statistics provided by Greenpeace.



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Education

- 302 School and Amer Soc**
- Blank 1 4.00
- "Practical, sometimes funny, friendly, a good teacher."
- Demaraus 1 2.00

English

- 101 English Composition I**
- Hill 1 4.00
- Lance 1 4.00
- Mafallana 1 3.00
- "This is as good as it gets for an english class."
- Ryerson 1 4.00
- "Really works with students. Cheerful, helpful. She's great (but thorough)."
- Sultana 1 3.00
- Wilson 1 2.00
- "Grades unfairly. Doesn't know how to spell."
- Wood 2 4.00
- "Great teacher, someone you can really talk to, fun and interesting class." "Great class. Pity the students are a bit slow."
- 201 Brit Lit**
- Hanse 1 2.00
- "Boring lecture. Difficult tests."
- 231 Eng Masterpieces I**
- McKinstry 1 4.00
- "Unique perspective, enlightened grasp of history."

- 232 American Lit**
- Danielsen 1 1.00
- "Small body, big mouth, reads his own poetry."
- Faulks 1 4.00
- "Very post-modern."
- Robinson 1 4.00
- 233 Major Black Writers**
- Hubbard 3 2.67
- "Gives good lectures, but does not grade papers effectively." "Extremely Informative, Important class."
- 263 Creative Writing**
- Slay, Jr. 1 4.00
- "So awesome!"
- 281 Film Studies**
- Holmlund 1 4.00
- "So enthusiastic, loves the class. Fun fun fun."
- 301 Brit Cult to 1600**
- Howe 1 4.00
- 333 Black Amer Lit**
- Miller 5 3.80
- "He will piss you off so badly, you will anxiously await each class." "Black is beautiful." "Excellent! Bolsterous, but understanding. Over your head occasionally."
- 351 Short Story**
- Penner 3 3.33
- "Pessimist."

- 363 Writing Poetry**
- Smith 3 4.00
- "Super class. Very good suggestions half the time and doesn't initiate discussion very well." "He's a 2 kegger." "Great prof. Makes poetry likeable."
- 364 Writing Fiction**
- Drake 10 1.90
- "Entertaining man; is most helpful when he doesn't talk about himself." "A pompous ass!" "Self-gratifying." "Repetitive, cliché." "Very entertaining. I'd love to take him again."
- Schantz 1 2.00
- "Teaches it like a high school class."
- 372 Struct of Mod Eng**
- Dumas 22 1.82
- "Boring, but an english major has to take it. Thinks she's teaching us more than she is." "Should be entitled 'History of Bethany Dumas', confusing, stuck in the 60's." "Personable enough prof, but disorganized class—I didn't material to students." "It ain't bad." "What frequency is she on?" "Totally, unstructured, unorganized." "It's hard to prepare the book while teaching the class."
- 376 Colloq in Lit**
- Leggett 3 3.67
- "His tests are fair but sometimes hard. Sometimes material is boring, but he's usually not." "Entertaining prof; cool because he doesn't take literary criticism as the word of god."
- 398 Honors Seminar**
- Zomchick 2 3.50
- "The class was hard, but the man was wonderful."
- 401 Medieval Lit**
- Howes 3 3.33
- "Piece of cake."
- 404 Shakespeare**
- Stillman 1 4.00
- "One of the most knowledgeable instructors I've ever had."
- 405 Shakespeare**
- Wheeler 2 2.00
- "Dry!"
- 409 Spenser and Contempo**
- Stillner 1 3.00
- 421 Brit Novel**
- Schneider 1 3.00
- "Material is slow reading."
- 422 Women Writers in Eng**
- Goslee 2 2.50
- "Good, but a strict grader." "Not enough time spent on each work. Too rushed. Didn't have time to really learn."
- 434 Mod Amer Lit**
- Jennings 2 3.50
- "English 231 & 232 given a new name. Better off just going to library with the books."
- 436 Mod Amer Novel**
- Penner 1 2.00
- "Boring and close-minded. Why is he a Ph.D.?"



- 441 Southern Lit**
- Drake 4 2.50
- "Tell us about the south." "Interesting, fun, and crazy—skipping classes is the only refuge." "Great books, but he never talks about them."
- 443 Black Autobiography**
- Hubbard 1 4.00
- 455 Persuasive Writing**
- Goslee 1 3.00
- "Need a little more class work on papers."
- 456 Professional Writing**
- Keene 2 3.50
- "Down to earth, but too busy with other things. Nice guy." "Can teach what he wants with extreme clarity."
- 459 Technical Writing**
- Hirst 5 3.00
- "Take this course only if you're a sadist and have a herd's sense of humor." "The man can brighten any day with a laugh." "Not too sure what was required on each assignment. He's still too new."
- 484 Top in Writing: Metap**
- Smith 1 4.00
- "But what does that mean?"

Finance

- 301 Financial Management**
- Dickens 1 3.00
- Romer 1 3.00
- "Fair tests, good curve."

French

- 111 French**
- Millon 1 4.00
- Souerth 1 3.00
- "Great teacher. Helps the students along."
- 212 French**
- Heisdorf 1 2.00
- 311 French Literature**
- Campion 2 3.00
- "Easy A, but boring. Will explain in english if discussions. Speaks clearly, fair grader."
- 313 Aspects of French Lit**
- Wallace 1 3.00
- "Alors, c'est bien toujours, alors. From the old school, but a gentleman to the end."
- 421 French Cinema**
- Holmund 1 4.00
- "Cool dresser. Excellent films, a must see."

Geography

- 101 World Geography**
- Jumper 1 4.00
- "Give that man and his TA a beer!"
- Morris 1 4.00
- Pulsipher 1 2.00
- "Class could be better organized, material & teacher difficult to follow at times."
- 131 Geog of Nat Environ**
- Hardin 1 4.00
- McQuery 1 2.00
- "Wishy-washy."

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"The little caveman and his computer."

Geology
101 Intro to Geology
Dunne 1 4.00
"Makes even rocks seem fairly interesting."
McSween 1 4.00
Walker 1 3.00
"Boring but cool, speaks in monotone."

102 Intro to Geology
McKinney 1 4.00
"Like class in the 60s."

German
101 Elementary German
Hirschfield 1 4.00
"She's an awesome teacher and has big tits."

201 Intermed German
Greenman 2 3.00
"A move backward from 102."

202 German
Tannert 2 3.00
"Too peppy. Sickening."

History

151 Western Civilization
Bing 1 0.00
"Boring, cryptic, hates upperclassmen."
Gates 1 3.00
"A good teacher, fair, very hard in the beginning, but lightens up at the end."

Haas 1 4.00
"Don't believe the rumours—take at all costs."

Macek 1 3.00
"Class is well organized and taught relatively well. Too much reading."

Martin 1 3.00
"Good class, fair lectures."

McDaniel 1 0.00
"That class was hell and she's a fucking bitch."

152 Western Civilization
Wakeman 1 4.00
"Tough class, but good prof."

251 History of US
Smith 1 4.00
"Cares about people. Gets to know everyone."
Whelr/Ezzell 1 3.00
"Fair class, boring prof. Great TA."

330 English Hist to 1688
Pickney 2 3.00
"Too much assigned reading, but sufficiently interesting, and tests are fair." "Knows lots of titillating stories about the old monarches. I swear this guy is Amlsh."

340 Hist of Russia
Chmielewski 2 1.50
"Likes the phrase 'Don't be a hero man'." "He teacher—degrades undergrads."

365 Hist of Japan
Farris 2 3.00
"A hard subject, hard grading, very fair, good teacher." "Likes to be brown-nosed."

369 Hist of Middle East
Brummett 1 2.00
"Hates America."

385 History of England
Pickney 1 1.00
"OK but needs to work on it."

Human Services

110 Intro Human Services
McClellan 1 4.00

Industrial Engineering

401 Integrated Manu
Kirby 1 4.00

591 Simulation
Greenwood 1 4.00

Italian

211 Italian
Brizzio 2 4.00
"Lots of work, but she does make it interesting."

402 Petrarch & Boccaccio
DiMaria 1 3.00
"Very good class and teacher, but Sal tends to grade on the grad writing level."

Linguistics

200 Intro
Smith 1 3.00
"Anyone can get an A with this guy in this class. Very laid back."

420 Dev of Hist Linguist
Meller 1 4.00
"Understanding, knows the material, explains concepts well."

Management

301 Principles
Locander 1 4.00
"Great lecturer."
Maddx/Boling 1 3.00
"Both teach: Maddox -B, Bolling -A."
Smith 1 1.00

303 Info Systems
Oakley 1 0.00
"Course sucks. Manrodt ok TA though."

Math

110 Algebraic Reasoning
York 1 2.00
"Never gives notes. Just writes problems & expects you to find each formula."

121 Calculus A
Clark 1 4.00
Kusumsoni 1 1.00
"Hard to understand, frequent mistakes."

130 Pre-Calculus
Preston 2 0.50
"Bug-eyed robot that talks faster than the guy on the Federal Express commercials." "Does not know how to get message through to students and test problems are not similar to homework."

200 Matrix
Lee 1 2.00
"She treats students as if their in 3rd grade."

221 Discrete Math I
Davis 1 4.00
"Explains material well, always fair & available for help."

231 Differential Equation
Stephenson 1 1.00
"Tests are hard and unfair. Doesn't explain the material well. Goes too fast."

471 Numerical Analysis
Karakashian 1 2.00
"Long tests and an inconsistency in the difficulty level."

Microbiology

310 Microbiology
McMahon 1 2.00
"Picky, tricky, but interesting."

319 Microbiology Lab
Dockendorf 1 2.00
"His name says it all: dockendorf."

Music

100 Fundamentals of Music
Meacham 1 4.00

110 Music Appreciation
Meacham 1 2.00
"Average, a bit scatter-brained."

390 World Music
Young 1 4.00

Mechanical Engineering

311 Thermo
Scott 1 4.00

Nutrition & FS

100 Nutrition
Zemel 1 1.00

101 Food Science
Costello 1 4.00

Philosophy

110 Value and Realty
Hamlin 2 4.00
"A wacky, stimulating man. Great ties!"

135 Formal Logic
Bennett 12 3.50
"Very enjoyable. Has a good sense of humor." "Very competent." "Pretty easy class." "Gets lost on his own work. Confuses with his strangeness."

240 Ethics
Graber 1 3.00

320 Ancient West Phil
Osbourne 2 1.00
"She's knowledgeable, but an idiot; spends 15 minutes out of each class on the roll; revised syllabus 6 times due to her dragging ass in class (5m late for every class), nursing home reject."

326 17th & 18th Ctry Phil
Aquila 1 2.00
"Didn't even begin to understand what he was talking about."

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393 Mardsm
 Brenkert 1 4.00
"Knowledgeable. Makes you work for grade."

Physical Education

244 Beginning Tennis
 Parker 1 4.00
"I've never seen her in a bad mood. Learned quite a bit."

Physics

221 Elements of Physics
 Georghrou 1 0.00
"Insane. Should be suspended again!"

Political Science

101 Intro Polit Science
 Rule 1 1.00
 Scheb 1 4.00
"Great guy. Pretty fair."

102 Intro Polit Science
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Yusef And The Christian Yuppies

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throw herself away like that?" Cursing them because, for me at least, all those unworthy assholes were just so many mirrors). That day, however, we had an actual reason for our Zen-like immobility: we were waiting for Yusef's son, who was coming into town for a short visit.

Suddenly a car pulled into the parking lot across the way. It was a sleek, black BMW with a bright red bumper sticker on the back: "Real Success is Getting To Heaven." Yusef pointed it out to me, saying, "But until you get there, a BMW is not too damn bad, eh?" A young couple got out of the car. They were breezy, attractive, with baggy shorts and thongs, loose knit shirts, and well-kept, well-conditioned bodies. "Christian yuppies," Yusef said as they approached the diner. "A strange breed indeed."

Yusef had a passion for the Holy or, to be more exact, a passion for talking about religion. In fact, he was quite insistent on the difference between the two. To him, "religion" was a word to be spoken with puckered lips and a pained squint, as though he'd just swallowed something sour. He rarely spoke about his own beliefs, and when he did, it was mostly by indirection or negatives. But he rarely passed up an opportunity to lambast, lampoon, or, occasionally, benignly critique the foibles of (pucker, squint) "religion."

As the young couple wandered blithely through the traffic, Yusef continued his disquisition. "Of course, like all those who embrace Christianity as a religion, these Christian yuppies distort and pervert everything that Christ stood for and lived out. They, like all the rest, take Christ as an object of worship and not as an exemplar; they think of Christ as a nest, a cozy den, a hiding place, when in fact of course he's a high, rocky cliff—one of many—from which one leaps into the unknown. Well, you've read Kierkegaard, you know what I'm talking about. Of course, all 'Christians' are the betrayers of Christ; only those who struggle with him are worthy of him. And I don't mean struggle in a half assed, cheap, cynical way, but sincerely, with full strength, as you would with a hungry bear or a desperate killer. Anyway, these Christian yuppies are afflicted with the common delusions of all the rest. However, what makes them interesting—barely—is the degree to which they have betrayed their lord."

"Their materialism, you mean?" I asked. "What makes them any different from, say, the rich nobles of

medieval times who professed Christianity but accumulated great wealth?"

Yusef mused for a moment. "Ah. For the nobles you speak of—and indeed, for the rich and greedy of most periods—Christianity was a cultural inheritance, a structure of their society. It had little or nothing to do with Christ, or the Bible, or religious feelings. It was a societal given. Of course, that was part of its greatness, its grandeur. But to be an Venetian noble in the 15th century, one had to be a Christian; it was structural, cultural. But to be a materialistic yuppie in 20th century America you don't have to be a Christian. Therefore, a Christian yuppie has made a personal choice. He has chosen to profess a mode of being that is absolutely antithetical to his actual way of life. And yet he doesn't abandon that way of life; he exalts it instead—exalts it precisely by calling himself a 'Christian'! Isn't that amazing? It out-Herods Herod, as they say. You rarely see such pure hypocrisy in action. It's like the old Communist leaders who surrounded themselves with wealth and personal privilege in the name of 'socialism.' But even that was largely cultural; to be wealthy in those times and places, you had to be a Communist. So there is something unique about our Christian yuppies, I think. Their kind of spiritual self-immolation—the corruption that issues from the impossible, willfully ignorant choice they've made—is horrible and fascinating; it's like watching a beautiful house burn down."

Meanwhile, the burning houses had bopped into the diner, engaged in some condescending raiillery with the "cute" owner of the place—a short, swarthy fellow with a thick accent—and then taken a seat in the booth next to ours. Suddenly I saw playful devilry glinting in the eyes of Yusef. He was a swarthy fellow himself, with coarse gray hair, narrow eyes, and a thick-featured face. His ethnic origin was indeterminable: Was he an Arab? Of African descent? Sephardic Jew? Mediterranean? Asian? I didn't know, and as he never mentioned it, I never cared to ask.

"What's on your mind?" I said, as he turned in his seat toward them.

"Conversation," he whispered. "You see, although money and status are their true gods, by embracing American fundamentalist Christianity they have also adopted that sect's peculiar cultural beliefs—including its racism. Now, you will never get these people to admit that they are greedy, shallow dullards—



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money and status worshippers—but you can often draw them out on the racism, because they're so damned unconscious of it. Now watch, and learn."

He suddenly began to speak in an unnaturally loud voice, "So, Elroy, what do you think of the theory that Christ was black? There must be something to it; it's for damn sure he wasn't blond and pale. I'll bet he was blacker than Moses Malone. I wish people could see that. It would turn this cursed, benighted nation upside down! How could our lily-white Christians quaff all the cream in this society and leave their black bretheren with nothing but spit and wishes to slake their thirst, if they knew that the man to whom they bent their knees was black? Hell's bells, don't they know the Song of Solomon? Don't they claim that that piece of ancient erotica is symbolic of the courtship between Christ and his bride, the church? And how does that 'bride' describe herself? 'I am black but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem.' Therefore—following their own logic now—either Christ was black himself or he had a hankering for black women. And we know that, genetically speaking, black genes are dominant; thus, any offspring of Christ and this black chick, the church, would have to be black. And so—are you still with me?—all Christians, who are 'children' of the marriage between Christ and the church, should aspire to be black, for that is the most perfect representation—both symbolically and physically—of the Biblical description of this transcendental union. Christ was black, his woman was black, and Christians should be black—in mind and soul at least, if they can't be black in the flesh. But Christians in this country have gone the other way. They've given themselves over to the Devil, who is the whitest of the white men—sorta like Dan Quayle, only with balls and brains. And that's why this country is under God's curse, that's why we languish in ignorance and cruelty."

"Really now, that's enough!" The plaintive whine broke from the booth behind us. A male head topped with tow whipped around on a skinny neck, and we were faced with a face once quite white, but now blotchy red with righteous choler.

Yusef's face was a mask of kindly surprise. "What seems to be the problem, friend?"

"Your talk is disturbing my wife and me. We find it very offensive to our religious beliefs."

"Offensive? Perish the thought! Whatever do you mean?"

"Well, you accuse Christians of being racists, and you say America has given itself to the devil. Since my wife and I are Christians, and proud, loyal Americans, that kind of talk insults us. God has blessed this nation like no other in the history of the world! And He has done it because of Christian Americans. There is no curse on us. Look around you, look at all the good things we have! Where is the curse?"

Yusef smiled. "Son, this nation was built on two things: the blood of the Indians and the forced labor of African slaves. You and I would not be enjoying all our 'good things' today if millions of our fellow human beings had not been murdered, starved out, and enslaved against their will. That's a simple fact. Now don't get me wrong; I'm right glad to be here. But I think that every American—especially every white American—should fall down on his knees every morning of his life and beg all those murdered and enslaved generations to forgive him for enjoying the fruits brought forth by their blood. And I think that anyone who doesn't do that shouldn't dare call himself a follower of Christ. But white Americans do just the opposite. They maintain a relentless, implacable, eternal enmity against blacks, refusing to accept them into the general society, then ridiculing and fearing them when they develop their own distinct culture and mores. Why? Why is there this hatred, this animal fear? Because white America will not come to terms with its guilt. They hate those whose very presence makes them feel guilty. It's like that horrible old joke—the Germans will never forgive the Jews for Auschwitz. That's why there's a curse on us, that's why there will always be trouble between the races here. How can you expiate your guilt if you don't even acknowledge it? How can you ever be free of it, and move on? You can't. And white America won't. It's trapped in a stagnant pool, chained to the guilt it refuses to see. And thus do the slavers become the slaves."

"We're not trapped, are we, hon?" the young man said. "We're free. We can get in our car and go anywhere we want."

"Yes, there are plenty of distractions," Yusef said. "Wealth, entertainment, politics, sex. But where can you go that the guilt will not find you? What did ol' black Jesus say about it? 'The Kingdom of God is within you.' And that's where the torments of hell are also."

The young man smiled complacently, almost indulgently. "We take a different view of heaven and hell. We know the truth about these things. Perhaps you'd like to come to one of our Bible study groups, and learn more about the truth."

"No thank you, I'm retired," Yusef said. He seemed bored suddenly; he had reached the rock wall behind which the young man sheltered his fragile faith from thought, and there was no more sport to be had from the conversation.

But then the young woman spoke up. "And we're not racists, either. I resent that. I'm so sick of this liberal attitude that says unless you're running around praising everything that blacks say or do—like Jesse Jackson's politics and school busing and rap music—then you're an evil racist. That's not right. They're just different from us in lots of ways, like the music and the way they talk. I don't have any objection to their color or their race; I just object to their taste sometimes."

"Their taste?" Yusef cried. "My God, you mean you eat them?"

"Oh, that's just disgusting," the woman said, getting out of the

booth and taking her husband by the hand. "Come on, hon, let's get out of here. I told you there were a lot of...unpleasant characters in this part of town. Let's go to a nice place."

"OK, hon. It is kinda crowded in here." He couldn't resist a parting shot at Yusef. "I hope you come to know the Lord as I do, sir. I'll pray for you."

"And I for you," said Yusef.

At sundown, we were still waiting for Yusef's son. The college girls and their damnable escorts began appearing in new guises, dressed up for the night and the dreamy pleasures it promised. And it seemed as though they—and the night, and the pleasures they hoped for—were already half-steeped in memory, had been rehearsed and recalled countless times before, and were now, in the present, at their most insubstantial. But how precious was that ghostliness, that thin flame which flickered in the mingled breaths of the past and the future, binding them together and giving them their only meaning.

"That boy is always late," said Yusef, sighing. Then he smiled his wicked, happy smile. "But I forgive him."

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