

do you call somebody—what do you call a team who has raised 1.4 million dollars for the school?

Did you notice how many T-shirts people are wearing? It's endless how much money we made. And we're only getting a \$647-a-month stipend...that's not enough to live on. I mean is that enough to fly home in case of an emergency or for a holiday. Our guys have families in Detroit, in the Bronx, Butler's family is in D.C.—that's a long way, and those are some expensive plane rides. What are you supposed to do.

YR: How is the \$647 spent?

Bice: You gotta eat. You gotta pay rent, electricity, telephone...you know how it goes...three hundred for rent, fifty for the phone, fifty for the power bill, God knows how much to eat, gas money if you own a car there goes all of my money. My dad—I have to call my dad for more money. I couldn't live on that. A salary would help. I think you should be allowed to fly home too. I think that some things in the NCAA are really bad.

We're paying for our education. We make money that we can never touch.

YR: I agree with you. I mean what about the college student on work study. Why won't they just channel his or her funds into accounts receivable instead of delivering a paycheck if things were to be made fair. I'm certainly sure that there is no way you could maintain a part-time job during the season

Bice: That's very true. That's why it's hard. And it gets even harder when you have an instructor who won't even work with you. I can not understand that. It's not like I'm asking for anything out of the ordinary...but if I miss three weeks out the semester playing basketball and raising money for the school, [louder] busting my ass for the school, and the English department is going to get this much money, and the Math department is going to get that much money...I should be able to get some time to take a test. I'm not asking for a grade either. I've never received a

grade. If I were asking for a grade I could see an instructor tuning me out.

YR: Who is Greg Anthony?

Bice: Greg Anthony is a smart guy with a lot of direction. He does things and he goes places. I don't think it's fair how people knocked him. They don't really know him. He's a leader. People said he was 'playing bad, he's not playing point guard.' But now everybody loves him because we won the National Championship. Greg's the point guard. The point guard is the leader. Greg led us. I respect him. You see, the press always had an image of Mark Wade and Danny Tarkanian as the perfect point guards, and to them [the press] Greg wasn't living up to the image in their eyes.

YR: Did you guys get off on Greg the way he hung in with his broken jaw?

Bice: Hell yeah! I was at home with chicken pox when he took the court with his broken jaw and made the first shot—man, it sent chills

through me. I had goose bumps everywhere. That silences all people. They thought Greg didn't have his head in the game. Hell, his head was into the game so much that he broke his head in the game... He's alright. Greg dropped a bunch of weight, but once he got those wires off he started getting it back.

YR: What special meaning does the National Championship have for you?

Bice: A lot of people doubted me when I was coming out of high school—people, coaches, a lot of people. But now that doesn't matter. I've got these [Bice holds both his hands up and proudly displays the Big West Championship ring on his right hand and the NCAA Championship ring on his left], and they don't and probably never will. [cocky]

I mean, shit, Larry Bird doesn't even have one of these.

YR: How do you trust somebody? How do you reason in your mind that they are on the level with you?

Bice: That's tough because I

get along with everybody and I give everybody a chance. It's tough, you just take a chance, I guess, because now it's getting to the point that you do find yourself asking yourself, 'Is this person just being my buddy for some tickets or something?' You never can tell. You just trust your judgement.

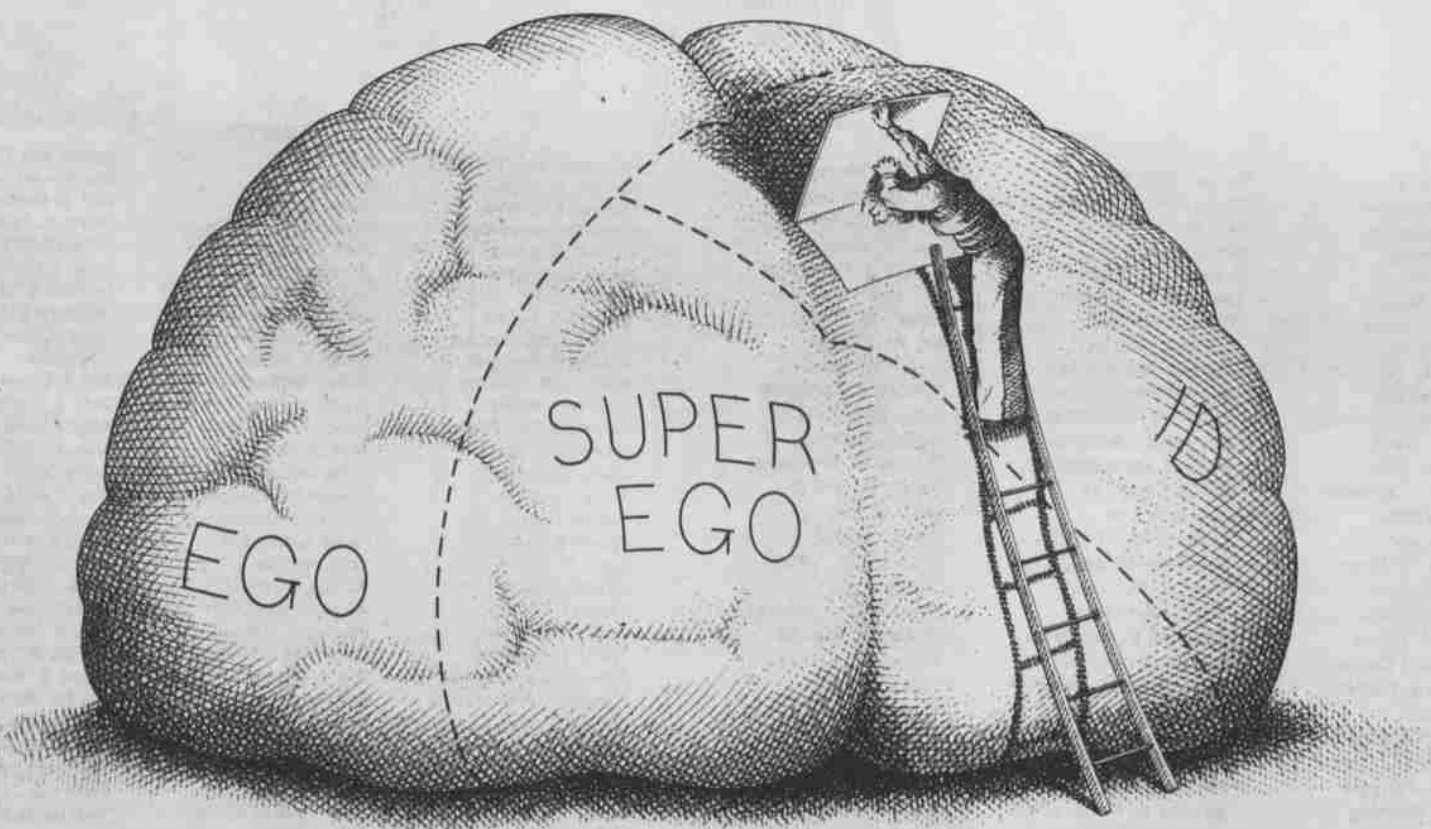
YR: What's the wackiest thing that ever happened on a road trip?

Bice: Stacey Cvijanovich got left one time in New York. He wasn't on the bus one time when we pulled off. He had to walk home—back to the hotel—all fifteen or so blocks. He was pissed. I thought it was hilarious. There's always something funny going on. If there's snow around we'll have snowball fights. That stuff's fun.

YR: What do you do in your spare time or when you get some free time to get away from it all?

Bice: Water ski! I recently

learned how to, and it's killer...



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