

# The Ups and Downs of '93

## U. readers pick the good, bad and ugly in entertainment

Send bell-bottoms back to the '70s. Pay homage to *Seinfeld*. And who really cares if Michael Jackson did it or not? At least that's the consensus of U. readers in our revealing

entertainment survey, complete with blunt revelations and intuitive perceptions of Hollywood.

The U. Entertainment survey was distributed to 545 students at 22 campuses. This is not a scientific survey.

By Jake Batsell, *State Press*, Arizona State U.

### Thumbs down:



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#### BITCH OR MISUNDERSTOOD?

Brenda doesn't evoke much sympathy, as an overwhelming 68 percent slapped the 90210 princess with a "bitch" label. This question received more responses than any other on our survey. One student says Brenda gives her whole state a bad name: "Being from Minnesota myself, I don't think Minnesota girls should be as bitchy as she is," says senior Suzy Frisch from the U. of Illinois. The most frequent write-in vote: misunderstood bitch.

Everybody is sick of that Whitney Houston song — you know the one we mean. Thirty-five percent say they will always turn the radio off the next time they hear "And I ...." Another 24 percent say Tag Team's "Whoomp! (There It Is)" ain't where it's at.

#### MOST OVERPLAYED SONG



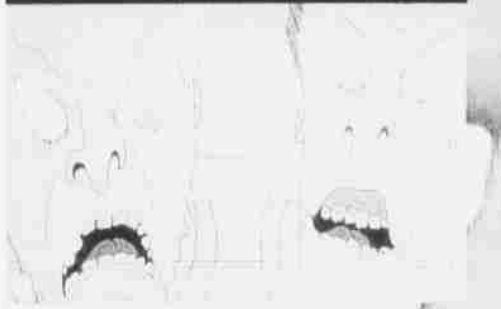
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Christian Slater and Jodie Foster take young movie star trophies. Proving youth is a matter of opinion, even Al Pacino and Jack Nicholson received nominations.

#### FAVORITE YOUNG FILM CELEBS

#### MOST OVEREXPOSED



Beavis and Butt-head suck (huh-huh). At least that's what readers say about the most overexposed category. "It's getting better now, but for a while you couldn't go anywhere without everyone giving their Beavis and Butt-head impersonation," says U. of Illinois sophomore Grant Badger. The Neanderthal adolescents claim 29 percent of the total vote, edging past the Jurassically optimistic Barney.

#### WORST COMEBACK



"[Bell-bottoms] should have been left in the '70s, never to re-emerge," says junior Scott Nordi at the U. of Wyoming, and 37 percent of voters agree.

*Frasier* wins best of the newcomers — a dubious honor among this year's slim pickings. Some poor, loyal fan wrote in *The Chevy Chase Show*.

#### FAVORITE NEW TV SHOW



#### THE UPS AND DOWNS OF THE JACKSONS



ALL JACKSON PHOTOS BY TRACEY POIRIER, H.P.A.

Michael Jackson — did he do it? "Who cares?" say more than half of respondents. Of those who take sides, 31 percent say the King of Pop didn't do anything bad or dangerous. In a best to worst ranking of the Jackson clan, readers give Janet top honors, followed by Michael, Jermaine, Tito and LaToya.

In a heated competition, *The Fugitive* takes the most votes for best film. *Jurassic Park* comes in a close second, and *Steepless in Seattle* isn't far behind.

#### FAVORITE FILM



### Thumbs up:



#### CLOSET TV FANS SPEAK OUT!

Don't tell anyone, but U. readers are discreetly watching programs like *The Real World* (19 percent), *Saved By The Bell* (17 percent) and *American Gladiators* (8 percent). Only eight people admit they tune in to *Psycho Friends*.

#### FAVORITE TV SHOW

*Seinfeld* is master of its domain, raking in 28 percent of the favorite show vote. And, by a landslide, Kramer wins as the best character on the show, besting Jerry and Elaine by a 2-to-1 margin.



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