

Renaissance Man

HOME REMEDIES

U. of Hawaii — And now from the home office in Hilo, Hawaii, some remedies from the friendly folks at *Ke Kalabea*, U. of Hawaii's student newspaper.

Short Takes

- If you feel a cold coming on, chew a piece of raw onion, hold it in the back of your mouth

for a few minutes.

- To relieve backaches, wrap hot stones in leaves and rest them on your back.

- To reduce arthritis pain, take a young coconut, empty it and refill it with sea water. Let it stand for three weeks, then pour out the water and eat the coconut.

- To get rid of an evil spirit causing an illness, slap yourself with a bunch of Ti leaves.

- If you get a wana spine in your foot, soak it in vinegar. For instant relief, urinate on it.

CELL BLOCK D ON LINE FOUR

Colorado State U. — You think you've got phone bill problems? Officials at Colorado State U. had to pick up the tab when some wily inmates from the Northern Correctional Facility in Newark, N.J., placed several fraudulent phone calls to the university. The inmates made collect calls to random 491-prefix telephone numbers on campus, hoping to find someone to accept the calls, and represented themselves as AT&T technicians asking questions about how the university telephone system worked. Then they asked to be transferred to outside 900 numbers, usually pornography or catalog sales offices. Since the transferred calls came from university lines, CSU had to cough up the cash — totaling upwards of \$5,000.

TRAMPLED BY A HERD OF ONE

U. of Alaska, Anchorage — Student gyms usually lure big things, but rarely a moose and a calf. When 71-year-old Myong Chin Ra arrived to use the sauna, he thought he could just slip by the two. But several hours before Ra arrived, passersby had been harassing the moose and Ra learned the hard way that you'd better not cross an agitated moose. The mama moose charged Ra as he ran and fell on a slippery walkway. "She got on her front legs and kicked with her back legs," says student Shane Harvey. "He probably got stomped about a dozen times." Moral of the story: Don't go to the gym if you suspect a moose is loose.

So you think that just because you're taking 12 credit hours and you have a part-time job your

dance card is full? Fine. But don't go crying to Bernard Chang. As a full-time Pratt Institute architecture student, professional comic book artist and captain of the Pratt basketball team, Chang is the Buckaroo Banzai of art students, mightily morphing from one role into the next.

"It sometimes does get tiring," Chang admits. Graduating this spring after five years of attending Brooklyn's prestigious Pratt Institute (with a full scholarship, naturally), Chang finds himself

with an abundance of job opportunities in a market that has left many recent grads sporting name tags rather than business cards.

Choosing which field of dreams to pursue was an easy decision for Chang, who became hooked on comics his freshman year. Although initially, drawing was just a hobby and a route to some extra cash, Chang's interest grew. Later that year, he successfully sold the editors of Valiant Comics on his skills.

"It was really exciting," Chang says, remembering his first comic. "I'd run to the store and see other people picking it up, and I'd want to go over to them and say, 'Hey, I drew that.'"



Since his debut in 1993, Chang has penciled nearly two dozen issues, most recently *The Second Life of Doctor Mirage*, issues 1-7 and 9-13. He says he enjoys the inherent flexibility of penciling.

"The writer writes about a paragraph for each page," explains Chang, "and from that I do all the layouts, deciding how many panels to use, their shape and what goes on in each."

This creative leeway is one reason Chang plans to stick with comic books as opposed to other types of creative drawing, such as animation.

"In comics, I have my own book, so the artwork is all my own," he explains. "If I were to work for, say, Disney, I would have to draw the way Disney wants me to."

Items on Chang's list of Things To Do This Semester include: ace his classes, win the NCAA championship, finish drawing the debut issue of Valiant's forthcoming *The Visitor*, spend some quality time with his girlfriend (yes, he has one) and appear on the *Jon Stewart Show*.

Tough schedule? No sweat. Chang is one person who has proven he can do whatever he puts his mind to.

Except, perhaps, sleep.

■ James Hibberd, *Daily Texan*, U. of Texas



Fined, Sealed and Ignored

If you're a student and don't return a library book, overdue fees will soon rival your tuition (or at least phone) bill. But at the U. of Michigan, Dearborn, if you're a professor, everything's fine and dandy.

Although the U. of Michigan's Mardigan Library does not charge faculty late fees, professors have managed to accumulate \$2,839.25 in charges.

Faculty are charged replacement costs for books that are not returned. But there is not yet a collection policy. In fact, faculty members can leave university employment without ever paying. The record is retained, but borrowing privileges are not restricted, and no further action to collect is taken.

Not only that — faculty have the privilege of checking out books for the entire term.

"I hate that," says senior Margaret Strickland. "I had to go to the medical library in Ann Arbor once to get a book that a professor had signed out for an entire semester."

So if you need a book and a teacher has it, forget about it, right?

Not necessarily, says Robert Kelly, the library's head of information services. He says that if a student orders a recall on the book, it must be returned, usually within 10 days, or there is an \$8 a day late fee that applies to everybody. (But

we can tell how scared professors are of library fees.)

Unlike faculty, staff members are fined for overdue materials, and there is a maximum amount of fees they can accumulate before their library privileges are suspended. Students' records are blocked if they accumulate any unpaid library charges. They must pay up before they are allowed to register for classes and receive their degrees.

"It's outrageous," says senior Joe Gutowski. "Maybe [faculty] shouldn't be allowed to teach if they have books outstanding."

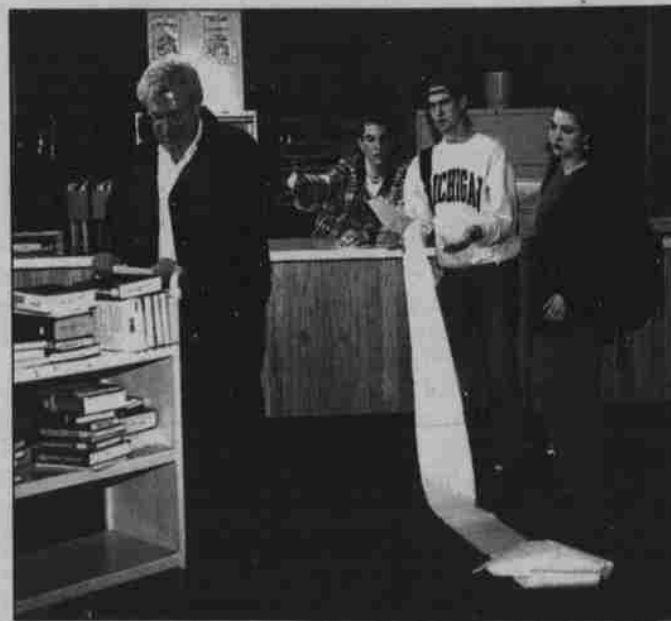
Kelly discovered the almost \$3,000 total in late November. "I became aware that there was this gap in the process," he says. The highest amount an individual faculty member owes is more than \$400, he says.

Kelly says he's

setting up procedures to close the gap. And not a moment too soon; the natives are getting restless.

"When those who make the law are above the law," declares freshman David Collver, "there is no longer order — there is tyranny."

■ Brian Galicki, *The Michigan Journal*, U. of Michigan, Dearborn



A change in faculty library privileges is long overdue.