

REG PARTY
U. of Chicago

The U. of Chicago boasts 64 Nobel Prize-winning alumni and a last-place ranking in a survey of social life on 300 college campuses. Much to the dismay of the administration, the most popular hangout for UC students is the Joseph Regenstein Library — "The Reg." Administrators were so bummed about the last-place ranking that they distributed a pamphlet showing The Reg branded with a circle-and-slash emblem. The not-so-bummed students (who pay more than \$19,000 a year for tuition) proudly donned shirts with a big numeral 300.

OH, THE BOOKS YOU'LL READ
U. of California, San Diego

One fish, two fish, red fish, \$20 million. Twenty million dollars? That's what the UC main library gets for striking the fancy of Dr. Seuss, a.k.a. Theodor Geisel, creator of the Lorax, Whos and the Cat in the Hat. Geisel's widow — no Grinch — made the donation. She said Geisel thought the eight-story building, which looks like an upside-down pyramid, was the sort of structure he would have designed had he been architecturally inclined. OK now, the first school to create a thingamajig that puts stars on the bellies of coeds gets the next \$20 million. Ready, set, go!

BEER NECESSITY
U. of Idaho

Approximately 30 students got together for a keg party. The catch?



PIG-HEADED FANS
U. of Iowa

Tradition has it that UI fans throw pigskins during football games. OK, that sounds like fun — if we're talking "pigskins" as in footballs. But Natalie Newell, a UI freshman, was a little shocked when the guy behind her threw a pig's head onto the field. She says it was from a pig roast held earlier in the day. "It was definitely a real head and definitely gross," Newell says. The security staff was a little miffed about the flying pig head and blames the fanfare on the late afternoon kickoff. Guess that left a lot of time for those traditional tailgating activities, like pig beheading.

QUICKIES

ILLUSTRATIONS BY DIANE SKOWRONSKI, U. OF VERMONT



BOMB SCARE
California State U., Chico

Tom Welsh, an assistant professor in instructional technology at Chico, got an anonymous phone call telling him to open an envelope that was tacked to his office door. The envelope had a bulge in the middle and a big red check mark on the front. Welsh got nervous. With visions of the Unabomber dancing in his head, he phoned the police. After all, the Unabomber had sent mail bombs to universities before, and his manifesto proved he doesn't favor computers and technology, two of Welsh's specialties. A police officer arrived, opened the envelope carefully and found — BOOM! — an explosively good-tasting brownie and an equally destructive milk carton. It was Welsh's 33rd birthday.

The party was being thrown by the university housing department. As the chugging began, phrases like "Hey, wait a second," and "What the...?" began to fly around the room. As it turns out, it was an experiment to see the effect drinking NON-alcoholic beer would have on students, and to show that "people could have fun without alcohol." We at *U. Magazine* would like to say right now that we are firmly against playing "games" with beer, or doing "experiments" with beer.

Beer is no joking matter. Please, we beg you, do not toy with beer. Thank you.

HAIR WE GO
U. of Massachusetts, Amherst

Apparently holding your

breath until your face turns blue has become passé as the method for getting your own way. Now the chic thing to do is grow your hair. When contract talks started in May 1993, David Lafond, the office manager for the graduate student senate, vowed not to cut his hair until an agreement was reached. Two and a half years — and a heckuva lot of conditioner — later, an agreement was drawn, and Lafond can say buh-bye to those tresses. Staff members' salaries are to increase 10 percent over three years. We're thinking that for more timely results, best to go back to the holding-your-breath thing. But different strokes... (that's 100 strokes a night, before you go to bed).

NAME, RANK AND CEREAL NUMBER
Moorhead State U., Minn.

Sign, sign, everywhere a sign. Bored with such unimaginative signs as "No paper waste please" and "Today's special: Tofu burgers," one

dining hall decided to push the envelope a little. "We've had some new signage this year," says the assistant food service director. "People would come up to me and say, 'Why don't you name the cereal bar?'" Students submitted names and voted for the best. The winner was "Grandma Jean's Cupboard," after a longtime dining hall ID scanner. What's next — "Nancy's Neat-o Napkin Dispensers"?

THE GREAT TRAY REVOLT
Marietta College, Ohio

In a valiant attempt to protest a corrupt and unjust dining service meal plan scam, students rallied and left more than 150 empty trays on the tables in one of the dining halls. Sensing grave injustice, they staged the

TUBA OR NOT TUBA
U. of North Carolina

It's never too late to toot your own horn. Joseph Lowman, an assistant dean and professor of psychology at UNC, is now one of the 17 tuba-toting Marching Tarheels. At 50, he's the first professor to play in the band. Lowman says that ever since he took up the tuba in high school, he's dreamed of playing in a college marching band. It's a good thing he wasn't a pompon guy.



tray-in to call attention to what they thought was a flagrant attempt to screw them out of money. Campus security was called in to restore order, and disgruntled dining service employees put the trays back in their proper place. Who says students are apathetic? Look out, Berkeley.

JUST KIDDING
U.S. Naval Academy, Md.

Army got Navy's goat again, literally. Four years after Pentagon officials ordered an end to military mascot swiping, three West Point seniors made off with three Midshipmen goats in a pre-dawn raid. The three mascots, two past, one present and all named Bill, were taken from a Maryland farm Nov. 5 and held captive until their safe return Nov. 10. Bills XXVI, XXVIII and XXIX were reunited with their official keepers at a hotel parking lot in Fayetteville, Md. — and brought there in a U.S. Military Academy pickup truck. Guess that didn't leave too much doubt about the kids responsible.

COP CARDS
U. of California, Davis

If you think it's hard to sneak into the bars on your campus, you should try UC Davis. There, even the cops get carded. Well, sorta. The members of the UCD police department introduced handsome trading cards, complete with a lovely likeness of the law enforcer on the front and a small bio with helpful safety tips on the back. Hours of family fun. Collect the whole set. Trade with felons. Unfortunate side notes: No bubble gum is included in the package, and two area banks were robbed during the photo shoot for the cards.



ALL DOLLED UP
U. of Mississippi

Now, even little girls can get degrees from Ole Miss. Well, their dolls can, anyway. Seems Ole Miss officials think The Cheerleader Doll With a Degree helps stress the importance of higher education to young girls. The Barbie-like dolls, complete with Ole Miss red-and-blue attire, are the hottest item going at the school bookstore. For \$20 each, the store offers three white dolls — a blonde, a brunette and a red-head — and a black doll. Wonder what Ken with a G.E.D. thinks about all this?