

ANIMAL ABUSE

Northern Illinois U.

Is smacking a lovable, fuzzy cartoon socially acceptable? Apparently not, but that didn't stop an NIU student from decking Tony the Tiger during a theme night in the dining hall. The disgruntled cereal-eater popped the parading puss in the face and knocked the head sideways, according to witnesses. Fortunately, the force of the blow did not hurt the woman inside the costume, but a witness to the crime says Tony "hunted the guy down for a while" and "was swearing a lot." What's next? Wrestling Cap'n Crunch?

FIT TO BE TIED

U. of North Carolina

Both Seth Nore and Ian Walsh were running for the coveted position of president of the Carolina Athletic Association. Both were able candidates, and both stood behind strong platforms. Both had local followings, and both were prepared to do the best job possible. Both also ended the campaign with 1,565 votes. The unfathomable electoral gridlock had to be resolved in a runoff, which Nore won by almost 100 votes. But Walsh did walk away with a lovely runner-up gift — a necktie. Students didn't seem very interested in the outcome. In fact, they had what you might call a six of one, half dozen of the other attitude about it.

CLASSMATE

Millikin U., Ill.

Would you actually show up to

class if the syllabus said "chess day" on the class schedule. *Yeah, right!* Who ever thought that playing chess would be a course requirement? No, this isn't a class on gaming. It's a business class. A professor of management-information systems at Millikin requires chess as a brain teaser of sorts. He says it's great for honing analytical skills and that the students really like the chess games — *imagine that!* In fact, he says, one student liked it so much she went out and bought herself a chessboard. Guess she's not planning to be a pawn in the corporate world.

MOVE OVER, BABE

Southwest Texas U.

In 1994, Southwest Texas purchased an aquatic theme park located near campus. Now the park is being converted into a nonprofit extension of the campus. That means students must say a tearful goodbye to the park's featured attraction — Ralph the swimming pig. Ralph had to put his curly tail between his legs and plod off to muddier pastures. Awww, ew, lunge between many students and non-listed bureaucrats has raised new hope. "Will we ever have the aquatic park back?" cried the students.

QUICKIES

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DOG GONE IT

U. of New Mexico

A burglar's booty doesn't drink from the toilet. Well, OK, in this case, maybe it does. At U.NM, campus police report No. 96-295 listed an unusual, but furry, theft. Type of item stolen: dog. Make, female. Model: Chihuahua. The \$250 Chihuahua, along with a purse and jacket, were swiped from a car parked at the UNM hospital. There are no suspects in the canine caper. However, McGruff the Crime Dog urges anyone with information in the puppy pilferage to come forward and "take a bite out of crime."



ing student-chiefs are also bugging their brownies, cookies and spinach quiche. But what do you use to wash it down? *Bug Light!*

BIRD IS THE WORD

Georgia Institute of Technology

Each spring, college campuses are caught up in the fervor of elections for student body president. We at *U. Magazine* monitor all the races and choose the man or woman we think would best serve any university. Our criteria for president is one-fold: You must have the weirdest name of any candidate. This year's unanimous winner hails from the Georgia Institute of Technology, and his name is: (drum roll please) BIRD BLITCH. We'll understand if you don't believe us, but that's honestly his name. Congratulations, Bird. For your efforts we will provide you with some slogans: Let's Give This Town the Bird, He's Fly Like a Bird, or the ever-popular Let's a Blitch.

"When pigs swim," replied the higher-ups.

HOT HEAD

Northeastern U., Mass.

Sounds a little urban myth to us, but check this out: Northeastern student goes to the grocery store on an unusually hot day. In the parking lot, student notices an older woman sitting in a car with the window up, holding her hands behind her head. After an hour of shopping, student leaves the store and sees woman still sitting in the car, still holding her head and majorly sweating. Student asks woman if she needs some help. "Yes, I have been shot in the back of the head, and I'm holding my brains in," woman says. Student calls an ambulance. When EMTs remove woman's hands, they discover that her "brains" are actually a piece of dough shot from a Pillsbury dough can that exploded in the back seat. Very hot and confusing day.

BUG PIE

U. of California, Davis

You'd send your pizza back at most restaurants if you discovered it had bugs on it, right? Well, in the U.C. Davis Entomology 111 class, you'd likely send it back if it *didn't*. Andy McClelland's students partake of the crunchy cuisine as part of their "bug fix" while they study the effects insects have on humans. We know, we can imagine a few of the effects ourselves, but McClelland says bugs are actually on the menu in countries around the globe. In addition to pizza, the star

POISON IVY

Princeton U.

James Hogue wants to be an Ivy League *seriously* bad. So bad that even after being kicked out of Princeton

five years ago for using a false identity to gain acceptance, he returned again — with a brand spanking new false name. In February 1996, a grad student who recognized Hogue blew the whistle when he saw him in the campus computer center. The 36-year-old con man had finagled \$22,000 in financial aid from Princeton back in 1989 by claiming to be a self-educated orphan from the West. The jig was up when a Yale U. student spotted him running in a track meet in 1991 and remembered him from high school in California. To make matters worse, five months after he was paroled, Hogue was back in the slammer for stealing \$50,000 worth of gems from a Harvard U. museum. Who needs a résumé when you've got a rap sheet?

VANDEMONIUM

U. of Kansas

Kansas senior Rob Grondahl wanted to make his Volkswagen van stick out from the rest. So, he decided to paint it like the beloved Mystery Machine driven by everyone's favorite cartoon sleuths, the Scooby Doo gang. And he would've gotten away with it, too, if a couple of meddling kids hadn't come to town. "OK, Shaggy, take off his mask and we'll see who this Grondahl character really is. Zoinks! It's Mr. Thompson, the crotchety old man who runs the abandoned mine." Scooby smacks all around.



KEEP YOUR CHIN UP

Loyola U., Ill.

Is Loyola scholarly enough? *U. now, really!* That's what students at Loyola U. said when they heard administrators had invited the big-time how-to-speak-at-the-university's 125th anniversary celebration in September. A spokesperson for Loyola and the student-led university should have summoned them "on time" than a talk show host's complaint. Loyola had out of the engagement when he heard about the complaints and issued a statement saying he would gladly accept any speaking offers from the school in the future.



MAIL CALL

Depraved U., USA

Internet users have been filling Anna Nicole Smith's mailbox regularly. Since her Web site (<http://www.annalive.com>) debuted late last year, the buxom beauty's cyberspace overfloweth with several million hits per month — mainly from collegiate computer users. The top 15 colleges — by volume — sending e-mail to the former *Playboy* Playmate of the Year are: U. of Texas, Austin; Texas A&M U. of Kentucky; U. of Massachusetts; Amherst U. of North Carolina; Chapel Hill; Duke U.; U. of Tennessee; U. of Michigan; U. of Iowa; U. of Georgia; Athens; U. of Maryland; Florida State U.; U. of Florida; North Carolina State U.; and U. of Pittsburgh. Don't deny it gives well, maybe girls, too. You know who you are.