Sneezy, liberal bike-lock freak tells woes of undies and Republicans

The classic confrontation is not cable and adult movies. between Coke and Pepsi, but between me and my bike lock.

My bike lock has a mind of its own. It laughs boldly as I try to unlock it. It embarrasses me in front of friends and strangers. It follows me around.



It's a daily struggle between me and my bike lock. During the first couple of days of school it would take me at least 40 minutes to unlock and re-lock my U-lock. This time span gave many new people the opportunity to ask me questions like where Bancroft Hall is located, what is the average rainfall in Philadelphia, and what is Bob Devaney's mother's maiden name. I felt like I had "Infor-mation Booth" tattooed across my forehead. My bike lock snickered the

the time I sneezed in front of a Repub-

A friend and I were bored one day, so we disguised ourselves as Republi-Republicans' revival meeting (kind of like an evangelist revival but scarier). indefinitely. It was in a Best Western Inn with free

My friend and I sat down at a table near the podium so we could get a good look at a true Republican to see if he had pointed ears or fake chest

The big moment came when a round man with a dead animal for a toupee approached the stand. My heart was pounding faster than Vanna White can turn letters. He didn't look like the Republicans I had imagined. I thought Republicans only wore polyester suits, bow ties and big black belts to whip the Communists with. Much to my surprise, he was wearing red suspenders like Santa Claus would wear. The fellow actually looked like a nice guy. But then I remembered he was a Republican.

The round fellow started talking about Republican things I didn't understand, being the liberal that I am. (I'm afraid of being blown up by nuclear bombs. That means I'm a lib-And then ... I got this twitching in my nose. I started wrinkling my nose like Samantha on "Bewitched." And then - and then COOOOOEEEEE! I sneezed all over the place! Actually, I covered my But it's not as as embarrassing as nose and sneezed mostly into my

I couldn't put my hands down casually and wipe them on my pant legs. It was the kind of sneeze that is like Rose's Lime, Sweet Sour cans and went to a Conservative mozzarella cheese and gets all stringy while bridging the nose and hands

I think more eyes were on me than locks.

the speaker as my table companions (all 12 of them) handed me handkerchiefs. The Republican handed me his toupee. One man handed me my bike

Moral of this story: Always carry handkerchief and always wear clean, untattered underwear because you never know what might happen.

Speaking of embarrassing moments, just the other day I was in class taking notes and knocked my soda off the desk, sending Diet Coke fizzing into the air like a geyser, drenching me and the two rows in front of me. What's worse, most of the soda landed directly in my lap, so I looked like I wet my pants. The next time I went to class, no one would sit next to me except a fellow with a raincoat. He looked at me and smiled. I smiled back. He stood up and opened his coat. He was wearing nothing underneath except my bike lock.

And Joseph Biden thinks he has things to worry about.

Kevin, my favorite bartender at Duffy's, told me to leave you with some words of wisdom (actually it's a recipe to lose all common sense).

Recipe: Kevin's Long Island Ice

(One shot equals one ounce) 1 1/2 shots each of rum,

1 shot tequila, Triple Sec,

Add above ingredients. Then add enough Coke or Pepsi for desired color. Garnish with lime and bike

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Rosen makes Saturday spectacular with Kimball Hall performance

By Joan Rezac and Jann Nyffeler Senior Editors

It's too bad you can't stomp your feet and cheer at a classical music concert.

Cellist Nathaniel Rosen's captivating performance Saturday night war-

Concert Review

The Kimball Hall adventure began with the delicate five-movement Sonata in E Major by Valentini. Starting with the lullaby of the first movement and all through the evening, Rosen and pianist Samuel Sanders played in tandem, like true friends. Rosen found power as he played pianissimo at the tip of the fingerboard.

Listening to the Valentini was like ers.

looking at a pointillist painting by Seurat or Monet — to appreciate the occasional choppiness of the piece, one had to relax and take in the whole

Rosen looked as if he were telling stories when he played Grieg's Sonata in A minor. The ever-increasing intensity in the music was reflected in his facial expressions. Midway through the first movement, Rosen had the audience. No one dozed, no one fidgeted.

Toward the end of the movement, the cello was a tad overpowered by the accompaniment. Drops of sweat on Rosen's forehead were visible 10 rows back and the audience, equally exhausted, applauded unashamedly.

The second movement, which began with a beautiful piano solo, maintained the intensity with walls of sound. The bold melody, thoughtfully executed, evoked images of ice skat-

Rosen chose works for this program that went from one extreme to another, showing the range of his talents from quiet, delicate passages in the instrument's highest range to powerful, smooth-flowing rampages.

During parts of the Shostakovich Sonata in D minor, which truly showcased Rosen's talent, it seemed as if he would saw his cello in half with his bow. This work requires the utmost in dynamic control — and endurance.

"Beau Soir" by Claude Debussy was so wildly different from the rest of the program. Simply, easily understood. Its songlike quality was a welcome respite from the dynamics of the rest of the program.

The last scheduled piece, Popper's "Dance of the Elves," took off like a stampeding herd of sheep, with Rosen flashing more of his upper-range wizardry. The elves could be heard laughing, singing and dancing wildly



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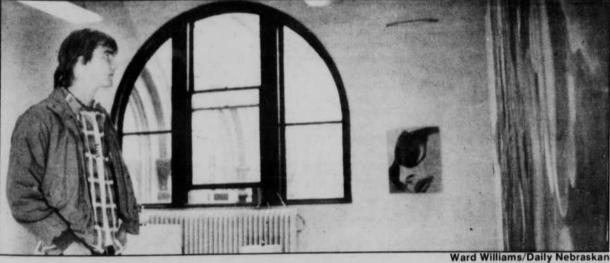
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Rick Somer, a junior art education major, spends part of an afternoon at the Art League Gallery, Richards Hall 205.

Art League Gallery is 'invaluable'

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in the left-hand corner of "Begin." In "Changing Opinion," Stensland's molecules are more scatand grays. Molecules in gradations of

the challenging multi-media composition.

Shelly Fuller's two untitled works playing in one of the barricades. consisting of Polaroid photographs of street barricades are less successful in with the stasis of a photograph lodged concept and composition. Although she may have felt there was something cleverly minimalistic and avant-garde about the spontaneity and grittitered and confined to blacks, whites ness of Polaroid film stock, there is just something missing here, some black and white swarm around the element of humor or sophistication two, more centrally placed. Both that might have saved this from simworks generate vibrant energy from ply being insignificant. The second untitled is slightly more interesting thanks to the blurred motion of a child

The three-dimensional work is quite varied, but little of it is worth mentioning. Jeffrey Anderson's un-titled hermaphroditic clay megalith combines male and female genital symbols, but the dual sexuality has been overused in organic abstract sculpture and art in general.

Despite the rampant amateurism in the exhibit, a gallery like this is invaluable on a campus where much quality formative work is often lost.

