

Hocus

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As a result of the science fair, in a round-about way, Hartke earns an appointment to West Point Military Academy. Hartke graduates, goes off to war and eventually becomes a leading spokesman for the Vietnam War effort and a master of the hocus pocus which his experience in this supposed police action is so much about.

At one point, Hartke talks about his Vietnam experience and how his life during that war was something of a charade. "In Vietnam . . . I really was the mastermind. Yes, and that still bothers me. During my last year there, when my ammunition was language instead of bullets, I invented justifications for all the killing and dying we were doing which impressed even me! I was a genius of lethal hocus pocus!"

After the war, Hartke is hired by the now retired recruiting officer that once plucked him out of the science fair and into the service to teach at an expensive college for the learning disabled. Tarkington College specializes in illiterate rich kids who have been rejected by most other universities in the Western hemisphere. Hartke becomes the the most popular instructor, teaching physics and spending a great deal of time sleeping with many of the female staff members, including the college president's wife.

However, Hartke does have a family; he's something of a self-denied family man. His estranged wife and mother-in-law are hidden away in his Scipio, New York home. One of the biggest "booby traps" Fate has set for Hartke — and there are many in the story of his life — was a "pretty and personable young woman named

Margaret Patton, who allowed (Hartke) to woo and marry her," soon after his graduation from West Point. She then allowed Hartke to father two children without telling him that, "there was a powerful strain of insanity on her mother's side of the family."

Hartke then goes on to say: "Our children . . . can never forgive us for reproducing. What a mess."

After some brief unpleasantries, Hartke goes on to teach at an all black prison across from Tarkington College — a college owned by Japanese investors — where he settles down to record his life story and also, consequently, to become a witness and then later an accused aider of the largest prison break in United States history.

Vonnegut is a profound pessimist who clings to shreds of hope concerning Americans as well as the world in which we live. The America of "Hocus Pocus" is ugly; foreign investors, mainly from Japan, are buying everything in sight. And Americans are more than happy to make that extra buck, but at what cost to our countries welfare? This question as well as the condition of the nation's corporate and political leadership is examined.

The cumulative power of "Hocus Pocus" is considerable. Vonnegut creates a story of intrigue and, more importantly, a story with purpose. His observations are candid and revealing. His beliefs are cast through the characters he creates, leaving us to believe that statements from Hartke, such as: "I have to wonder, too, in light of my own experiences in public-relations hocus pocus and the recent history of my Government, if there weren't a lot of people back in 1922 who could put 2 and 2 together as easily as I have now," are much greater statements from a person who knows what he is taking about, and is trying to beat it into our thick skulls.

Bernstein

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"Bernstein's compositions were very rhythmic, and he adapted his style to the needs of the moment," said Emile, who played under Bernstein with the Rochester, New York, Philharmonic in 1947.

"Most American conductors since Bernstein have tended to be more physical," Emile added, citing Zubin Mehta, current conductor of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, as an example.

York said Bernstein "felt the music as it was played; he played the piece with his body as well as

the orchestra."

Among such well-known Bernstein pieces as "West Side Story," the film score to "On the Waterfront" and the ballet "Fancy Free," York included "Chichester Psalm" as his favorite Bernstein pieces. "Chichester Psalm" is Bernstein's setting of various Psalms to music. The Psalms are sung in Hebrew and include the 23rd and 100th Psalms, according to York.

York added that Bernstein was known as a lecturer, teacher and performer, as well as a composer and conductor. "He gave other conductors the go-ahead, that it is okay to be an American and a conductor," York said.

Soul

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stripper joints," Murphy said. "I went and saw Winger and it was like one big pool of perfume. All those girls. For me going to a show like that is like going to another planet."

So expect the same loud, honest rock 'n' roll that has pulled Soul Asylum this far. These guys are still the same. They argue over the same

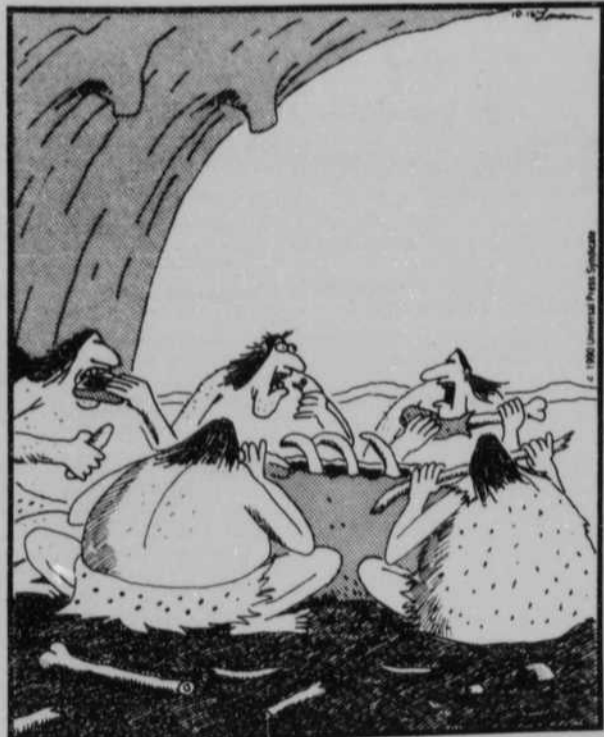
old things — Pimer's Telecaster guitar, for instance, which he's had for eight years.

It doesn't work right. "I wish he would just buy a new one. For me, it's a Telecaster, so it doesn't sound that good. And when it doesn't work, it doesn't sound at all," Murphy laughed.

Tickets for Soul Asylum are \$10.75 at the door. Opening will be Run West Run. The show starts at 8 p.m.

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"Zak! Don't eat parsley! Just for looks!"

CLASSIFIED INDEX

Table with columns: FOR SALE, SERVICES, JOBS, NOTICES. Includes items like Appliances, Bicycles, Books, Computers, Furniture, etc.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Text regarding classified advertising rates and policies. \$3.00 per day for 15 words on individual student and student organization ads.

3 Bicycles For Sale

Cannondale 56cm race bike; TREK 61cm road bike, both campy; Dura Ace; 475-5081.

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GETTING MARRIED? I have a beautiful champagne gown for sale. Has lace, faux pearls and long train. Absolutely gorgeous. Call Lisa at 467-5913 to come see.

8 Furniture For Sale

Bunk Bed; Lof. New, freestanding. I paid \$170, it's yours for \$50! 475-2426.

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Zenith 4-head VHS VCR, wireless, remote, Sanyo Beta VCR, \$85, NEC VHS VCR, \$100. 19 inch color TV, \$55. 483-2349.

Last Train To Saginaw



18 Stereos/TVs for sale

Dining tables, two chairs, VCR, two stools. Stereos, 19-inch TV, Car EQ. 435-0685.

19 Ticket Exchange

For sale: 1 round trip ticket to West Palm Beach, Florida. From Kansas City, leave Nov. 18, return Nov. 27. \$170. 436-6138.

20 Vehicles For Sale

'87 Honda Prelude, 5-speed, A/C, cruise, sunroof, low mileage, mint condition, 489-3513 after 5pm.

'85 Nissan 200 SX, red, 5-speed, low miles, \$5,495. Call 421-7633.

'81 Datsun, 5-speed, 85 K.M., 2-door, \$750 obo. 477-1649.

1981 Fiat X1/9 convertible. New overhauled 5-speed engine, black met. paint, good tires. Sound \$2500. Must sell. 475-7403, 472-1686, ask for Al.

110 Announcements

ACTUARIAL SCIENCE CLUB Meeting, Thursday, October 18 at 7:00pm at Pam Welter's house, 1510 N. 25th. All Welcome!

ALPHA ZETA Meeting Wednesday, October 17 in the East Campus Union, initiate meeting at 6:30pm, regular meeting at 7:00pm. Bring your check books.

COLLEGE REPUBLICANS Meeting on Tuesday the 16th at 6:30pm in the Union. New members always welcome. Questions? Call Lori at 436-6156, or Chris 477-3052.

Collegiate DECA/Delta Epsilon Chi Meeting, October 17, 6:30pm NE Union. Please bring checkbook for dues. Will discuss Nationals in Denver and Fundraiser. All members need to be there. New members welcome.

CORNCOBS Meeting today - 4:30pm in the Union. We'll discuss migration.

Darling.... You look marvelous!!! Gorgeous tans at Sunbana Cabana inside the Popcorn King. Reunion Mall, 16th and W. 475-2929.

BUY IT. SELL IT. FIND IT. CLASSIFIED. Advertisement for buying and selling items.

GOLDEN KEY ELECTS!! You can still send in your application—add \$2.00 late fee. NEW MEMBER RECEPTION—2:30 p.m., Oct. 21, 1990!

HAND-PAINTED DESIGNS, machine washable on almost any garment, including leather! Your OWN design or choice from large selection. Call 474-1849.

HOBY ALUMNI Meeting this Tuesday, 8:30pm in Union, room to be posted.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL CIVIL ENGINEERING STUDENTS ONE early registration meeting for ALL Civil Engineering students has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 17, 1990 at 4:30pm.

IMPORTANT GLC Meeting TODAY (Tues. Oct. 16) 6:00 p.m. City Union

Love, Romance, Travel, Fun, Prizes... "Lincoln Love Link" Lincoln's very own version of the Love Connection is coming soon. Win a free night on the town, Vegas, cruises and much more with the date of your choice.

NSE INFO SESSION TONIGHT at 7pm, Neihardt Blue Room. Come find out about the Orientation Leader position. Don't miss out on this opportunity to enhance your college career.

Omicron Delta Epsilon There will be a meeting on October 16 at 6:00pm at the Culture Center, 331 N. 13th in the Conference Room.

PH-U Meeting Tuesday October 16th 6:30pm East Union

Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science-Honor Society, informational/organizational meeting tonight, 7:00pm, 538 Oldfather.

PRIVATE GUITAR INSTRUCTION Beginners or advanced. Lessons can include use of rental guitar at \$8 per week.

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Crossword Edited by Eugene T. Maleska

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

Grid of crossword puzzle answers: ABBE, AMATI, AGEE, BORA, ROBIN, PARK, CLARKGABLE, PRIE, STEREO, REPLAYED, INNS, TALC, KAHNS, POD, CLOSE, APEG, CARETS, OHS, PANS, ORATE, CPAS, ORR, ANKLET, HERA, KAYES, YES, HARPY, FATE, THAI, CLOSINGS, ARROWS, AUNT, JACKLEMMON, RIDE, OSAKA, AONE, TSAR, YANKA, NOTE

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