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## Designer appearing at Gateway

By Joel Strauch  
Senior Reporter

Mossimo Gianulli's appearance at Gateway Mall this weekend will be a "sight for sore eyes."

The West Coast designer responsible putting that phrase and others on thousands of T-shirts will be at the Buckle Saturday from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mossimo tries to sell a feeling more than just selling clothes, he said.

"There are so many places that sell shirts, jackets, shorts," he said. "So much of what we do is about the whole vibe, the feeling that you get from things."

"When you see a Mossimo logo or wear a shirt, you feel really good about yourself."

Mossimo started selling three-panel volleyball shorts out of his apartment and during the first year, orders surpassed \$1 million.

"They were the nylon shorts with the third boxer short panel and the big M on the ass," he said. "Those shorts launched what we are doing now even though we're more sports-oriented than just beachwear."

His out-of-focus "Sight For Sore Eyes" shirt is just one of his hugely popular creations.

"To come up with our designs, we just kind of play around on the computer and that one sort of came out," Mossimo said.

His company is working on a fragrance (tentatively called Mossimo Juice) that Mossimo hopes will legitimize his company as a real designer label.

"You know when a girl wears her boyfriend's shirt and there's still the light cologne smell on it," he said. "I want it to smell like that."

"It's more of a feeling than a smell."

Mossimo is expanding his collection to include clothes to wear under Mossimo clothes — his own line of underwear.

"Yeah, I'm a whore," he said. "No,

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Courtesy of Savoy Pictures

Minnie Driver, left, Geraldine O'Rawe and Saffron Burrows star as three small town Irish girls who go to college in Dublin in search of adventure and romance in "Circle of Friends."

## 'Friends' a love story told with taste

By Rainbow Rowell  
Film Critic

Hollywood loves love stories. But most of the time, they mess them up. They make them too sappy or too cold or too perverted. They overdo it and underdo it.

Moviegoers want "Say Anything" or "Lady and the Tramp," and filmmakers make "Pretty Woman" and "Basic Instinct." Bleah.

Just when you give up on movies and expect nothing but tripe from the camera-wielding swine — whammo! — out comes "Circle of Friends" to renew your faith in the genre d'amour.

"Circle of Friends" tells the story of Benny (Minnie Driver), a good-hearted, plain-faced Irish Catholic girl in her first year at the university in Dublin.

Benny may seem a little plain at the beginning of the movie. Driver lacks the perfectly balanced good looks one expects from a romantic female lead. Yet, her performance is so vivacious and true that by the end of the movie, the audience finds her nothing less than beautiful.

### The Facts

**Film:** "Circle of Friends"

**Director:** Pat O'Connor

**Stars:** Chris O'Donnell, Minnie Driver, Geraldine O'Rawe, Saffron Burrows

**Rating:** PG-13

**Grade:** A-

**Five Words:** Sweetly-told Irish love story.

Benny has zest. She's excited about life and her future, about learning, about ... romance.

Her parents, however, have different plans. They have Benny all but married off to Sean, the slimy clerk who works in her father's store. Sean (Alan Cumming), who bears an uncanny and unfortunate resemblance to Pee Wee Herman, just wants to get at her father's fortune and Benny's body.

As happens in most good love stories, girl

meets boy and boy meets girl. In "Circle of Friends," it happens at the university. Benny is giggling with her childhood friends, Eve (Geraldine O'Rawe) and Nan (Saffron Burrows), when Jack, the university's golden boy catches her eye.

Chris O'Donnell is dreamy as Jack. He's just cocky and confused enough to be sweet, and his Irish accent is almost flawless.

Jack isn't immediately attracted to Benny. He's used to dating beautiful, popular girls like Nan. Yet Benny's goodness shines through. Jack can't help but fall in love with the girl his father describes as big and soft with beautiful hair and a fine set of teeth.

"Circle of Friends" is delightful. It's well-written, well-acted and beautifully filmed. Driver is angelically human. O'Donnell is subtly winning. And Cummings is brilliantly icky as the film's bad guy.

Beyond just telling a good love story, director Pat O'Connor comments on the sweet, treacherous, thrilling thing that is human sexuality. And he does it without being perverted or exploitative.

## 'Animal House' revived

By Joel Strauch  
Senior Reporter

Iron your toga and step up to the keg; tonight, the Starship 9 will screen "National Lampoon's Animal House" to celebrate the movie theater's third anniversary.

Byron Bonsall, Starship 9 manager, said the anniversary was actually Easter weekend, but the celebration was moved up.

"We're obviously catering to college students with this one," Bonsall said. "So we decided to make it earlier."

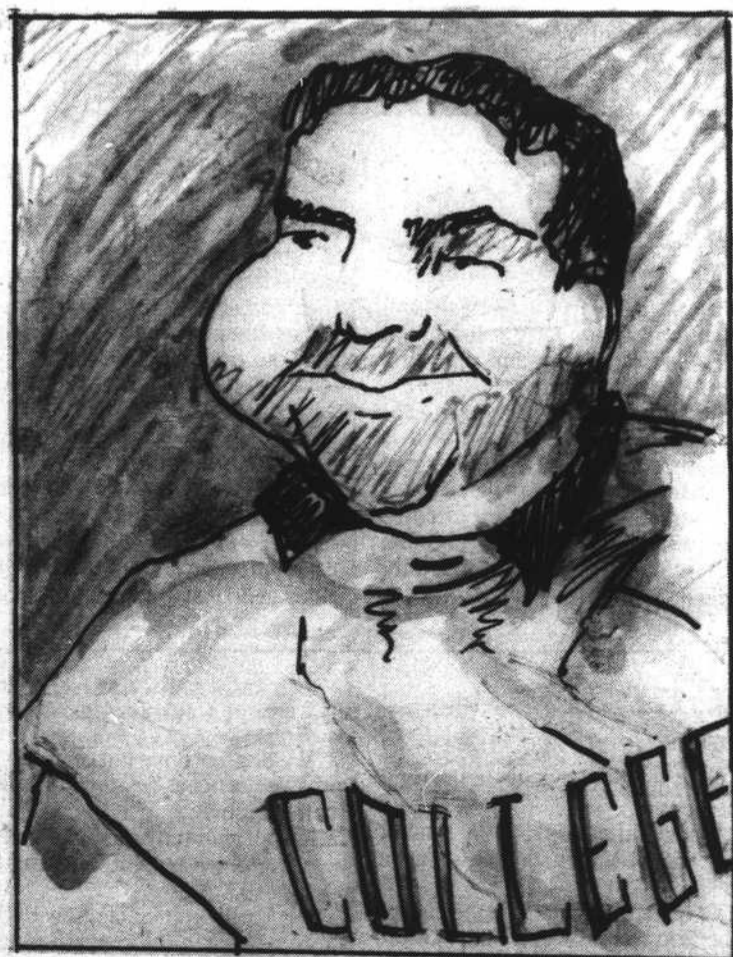
Some of the college students to whom Bonsall is catering are members of University of Nebraska-Lincoln fraternities.

J.D. Sherry, president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, said many people in his fraternity planned to see "Animal House."

"It's an American classic," Sherry said.

Sigma Nu Fraternity president, Marty Martin, said "Animal House"

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Amy Schmidt/DN

## Grimace leads off musical roundup

By Dawn Brunke  
Staff Reporter

Like the fictional band Spinal Tap, Grimace just can't keep a drummer.

In the last two years, the Lincoln band has had four different drummers. Since then, they've taken time off to regroup and get more comfortable with their new drummer, said vocalist and saxophonist Scott Taylor.

But Grimace will return from their hiatus Saturday night to take the stage at Knickerbockers, 901 O St.

The band's song "Dissonance," an example of the band's mixture of jazz and heavy alternative music, has become popular on 90.3 FM (KRNU).

"It's the first song on the tape, so it is probably easier to play that one than to fast forward through," Taylor said.

The members are preparing to gain notice and to play to as many people as they can, Taylor said.

"Every time we get geared up we lose a drummer."

This Saturday's show will be the band's first with their new drummer.

Grimace will open for Chicago's Agatha. At Knickerbockers tonight Pushin Skinny will open for Seattle's Clatter Bean.

The Hurricane, 1118 O St., will feature Turquoise Sol tonight, Punkinhead Saturday night and Slick Willy Sunday night.

Boy's Life and Giant's Chair will play at Le Cafe Shakes, 1418 O St., tonight. The Grifters and Slow Down Virginia will play at Shakes Saturday night.

Duffy's, 1412 O St., will feature Swoon 23 and We'd Rather Be Flying Sunday night.

Smokin' Joe Kubek will play at the Zoo Bar, 136 N. 14th St., tonight and Saturday. Baby Jason and the Spankers will play Sunday.

At the Royal Grove, 340 W. Cornhusker Highway, Ivory Star will play tonight and Saturday.