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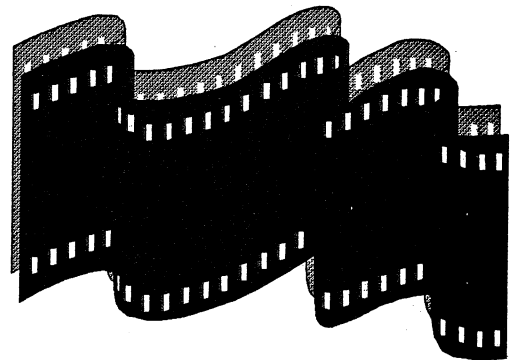
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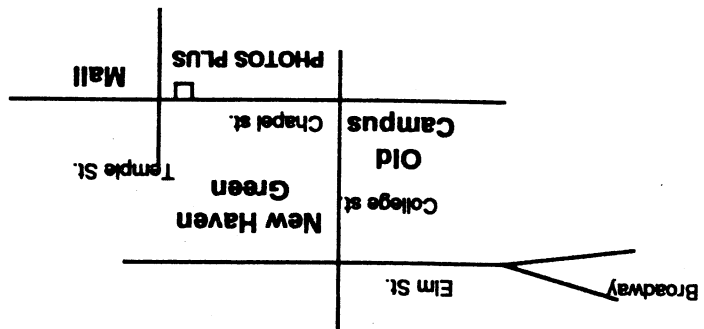
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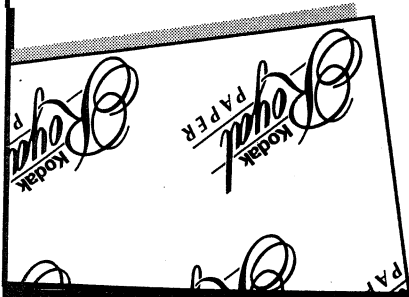
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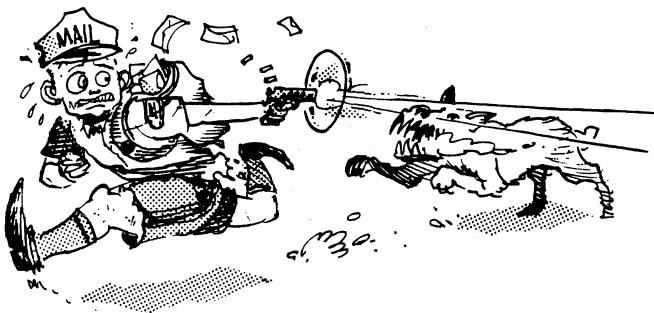
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mailbag

Dear Republican Party,
We're all set for '96, right?

— Dan Quayle

Dear Michael Jordan,
Enjoyed the "retirement press conference," you practical joker, you! But to be completely honest, the hilarity seems to be wearing off the longer you keep the joke going.

— David Stern, NBA Commissioner

Dear Diary,
Forget it. It's over between us.

— Senator Packwood

Dear Mr. Cash,
We are sorry to inform you that, due to a series of recently explained banking errors, we cannot allow you to use your last name only on your checks as you had originally requested. Sorry for the inconvenience.

— Fleet Bank

Dear Editor,
In the recent Budweiser commercials, in which the singers state, "Proud to Be Your Bud," are they merely asserting the relationship of Bud-ness between two unspecified buds, or are they stating that the beer itself takes pride in being the bud of the listener? What are the metaphysical implications of this?

— Dave

Math 112 Comrades,
It is by the integral sign that the masses will rise, for it alone unites the fragmented parts into a unified whole.

— Fidel "I'm your T.A." Castro

Para

The Life Cycle of Your T-Shirt

You don't really think about the long-term consequences purchasing a T-shirt will entail (face facts — you probably don't think about what gingivitis will do to you either, but you go ahead and have your fun anyway). No one really does. No one really has the keen intellect, free time or government subsidiaries that I do. All right, so I'm not Socrates (I only know two people who are, or at least have his hat-size), but I still was able to write this all by myself. What can *you* do by yourself? You probably couldn't even pick your nose. Well I can, so here it is.

Stage 1: The Giddy Early Days

You've just bought your baby (well, your parents have, but they won't notice a \$12 addition to the staggering sum of your fall tuition and last semester's Durfee's bill), and it's the best thing since sex. It's got something to do with Calvin & Hobbes making fun of Harvard. You wear it to class, to lab, on dates, in bed. Sometimes, just to be funky, you wear it underneath something else and walk around outdoors, *and no one knows that you've got it on*. You know it, though.

Stage 2: Homecoming

You bring your shirt home so your folks can see what you've been writing about in your letters. You're a little worried that the humor on the shirt is a bit much for their conservative parental mindset, but your determination wins out, and you take the plunge.

Stage 3: Widespread Acceptance

Your parents and peers embrace your choice and enjoy many a hearty laugh at the clever drawing on the front, and the cleverer punchline on the back. Your mom offers to wash it. No way. This is one shirt you can wash yourself. You return from break with a happy heart and a spring in your step.

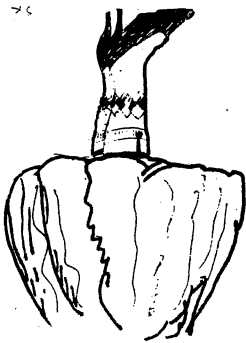
Stage 4: Honeymoon's Over

Work sets in. The luster begins to fade from the shirt. You decide that it is better not to wash it quite so much. The shirt spends days at a time buried in a pile of dirty socks. When you

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Mr. Propriety's Guide to Excavatingly British Behaviour

DEAR MR. PROPRIETY:
I have been invited to the Lord Mayor's ball, but haven't the foggiest idea what to wear.



GENTLE READER:
When in doubt, argyle socks are always a safe choice. Mr. Propriety suggests sequined ones for formal functions. Garters may be worn with argyles, but be certain that they are strategically placed in a conspicuous location.

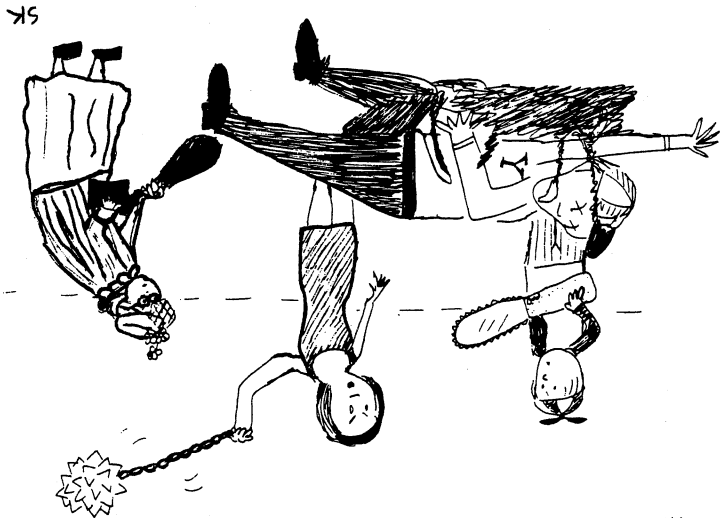
DEAR MR. PROPRIETY:
I have a speech impediment which makes it difficult for me to initiate meaningful conversations with attractive members of the opposite sex. Which topic can I bring up to instantly bewitch the other person and show that I am not as dumb as I sound?

GENTLE READER:
Of course any savoury gossip about the royal family (especially about Fergie and toesucking) are completely within the limits of tasteful, intelligent conversation. Do check the tabloids for other stimulating topics.

DEAR MR. PROPRIETY:
I cut in front of this lady. The next thing I remember is waking up in a body cast. What happened?

GENTLE READER:
The British are generally a level-headed lot, but become a bit hostile when anyone jumps the queue. Cutting in front of small children is especially imprudent, as they usually carry chainsaws. Be thankful you are still alive.

— VO



SK

do wear it, you are not so careful. One night, in a fit of drunken lust, you drool on it. You no longer brave the December cold just so people can read both front and back. When reading it no longer produces the same warm feeling in your chest, you ball it up and roughly toss it in a corner.

Stage 6: Endgame

Time seems to have lost all meaning. You swear a lot and drink cheap whiskey in your cheap hotel room. Saigon ... how long have you been in Saigon? Finally you check out and fly home to your parents. You leave the shirt behind, forgotten. The cleaning woman finds it, reads it and has a good chuckle. Then she uses it to clean the toilet until it sparkles. — ETKIN