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Big Concerts — Why Bother?

Hurry, hurry, hurry, folks. Step right up and see the big show! Hope you enjoy it, but if you don’t, then don’t blame us. Our job is to pay, and the music profession is run in a way that allows performers to take advantage of us. We try to get what you want, but every group is not available, and we need feedback in order to satisfy you. And we can’t please everyone, you know. So come on, don’t miss it! J. Geils only happens once!

Dear Chase Hall Committee,

I guess you can consider this as feedback. Or rather an attempt to stimulate feedback from the masses. The issue is big concerts. You have, in past years, provided the Bates campus with many legendary concerts. Richie Havens vowed 'em in '72, and last year, J. Geils lead vocalist Peter Wolfe brought boogie and Faye Dunaway to Lewiston. Of course I realize that C.H.C. sponsors many other events throughout the school year, but the big concert is the crowning achievement, the one that makes it all worthwhile.

Does it, though?

For next year, you are asking for $15,625, a figure reached by applying this year's rate per student to the projected student population for next year. But, despite the reasonableness of this request, the R.A. Budget Committee might deflate the total amount that you receive. While everyone watches tuition rise faster than the crime rate, the Budget Committee is trying to keep student activity funds from forcing said tuition up even further. If they do cut into your budget request, then you might be compelled to re-evaluate your policies. Such a step should not be taken without considering the impact on the whole student corpus. And instead of just polling us on which groups we would like to see at Bates, maybe you should try to find out what type of concerts we want.

I know that you have received a lot of unfair criticism over the years, because people did not like the choice of groups. As you say, “can’t please everybody; let us know what you want”. Rock groups sometimes re-neg on their contracts (We have to sign the contract and then send it to them. They don’t have to sign it until and unless they want to). And, while you tried to get our opinions with those polls, many groups are priced out of our range and others are not available on the dates we need them. All of these reasons support your claims that such criticism is uncalled for.

These reasons also back another opinion (mine). This is that big concerts should not be bothered with at Bates. If you can’t please everyone, why should you drop a bundle on one rock group just to prove it? If some groups cancel out and others charge too much, why stay in the competition with big-time producers and large universities who can afford to pay big bucks and not worry about a no-show? They also have the advantage of large concert areas which increase the potential gate receipts. And if our desires are not clear to you, how could you sponsor a Raspberries concert in good conscience? Admittedly they are a well-known group, but so is the Klae Kles.

What are the advantages of a big concert? The students want to see top-notch entertainment, and the school obtains them. Never mind the fact that this top-notch entertainment has to play in a hockey rink or Alumni Gym. Just let us tell everybody back home that Bates had Chicago or the Band and you can consider the money well spent. Who knows, maybe some kid will be influenced to apply to Bates solely on the basis of the rock concerts we have.

Strike another blow for diversity.

There are at least as many good points in favor of dropping big concerts. The quantity and quality of smaller concerts could increase. Unlike the rock scene, many famous jazz, folk, and blues performers will do a show for reasonable prices, unless you plan on reuniting Bob Dylan and Joan Baez. People like Dave Van Ronk, Spider John Koerner, and Johnny Otis are well known for their talent, yet they often play in bars around Boston for inexorant rates (The problem is talking them into believing that Lewiston is around Boston and the gym is a bar). Rock is not without its folkierings either. Many groups are trying to “make it big”, so they are looking for exposure. Last year Bruce Springsteen was in this category, but

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A Taxpayers Bill of Rights?

by Senator William Hathaway

Some might think — or hope — that’s a repeal of all federal income tax. But in reality it is a proposal in Congress to give the taxpayer a lighting chance with the Internal Revenue Service.

The Watergate and related hearings revealed some startling things about abuses at the IRS such as misuse of personal tax data for political purposes, arbitrary audits and decisions. The seven major provisions of the Taxpayers Bill of Rights would prevent such abuses from happening again.

The first provision establishes tighter restrictions on the disclosure of tax return information. Federal tax returns are anything but confidential these days. For example, the Justice Department can obtain tax files on an individual it may be investigating on an entirely unrelated matter and data from files has been sold to credit agencies and other organizations. That wouldn’t happen again under the Bill of Rights since tax returns would only be open for legitimate tax related inquiry. An individual could sue for damages if the IRS disclosed personal tax data without the very powerful tools. To protect the taxpayer, court review must occur within the IRS. One could finally talk back to the IRS, locate a lost check or receive answers to questions on taxes, and even seek temporary relief in special cases of IRS abuse.

The fourth provision of the Taxpayers Bill of Rights creates a taxpayer Service and Complaint Office within the IRS. One could talk back to the IRS, locate a lost check or receive answers to questions on taxes, and even seek temporary relief in special cases of IRS abuse.

The fifth provision requires the IRS to fully inform a taxpayer of his rights during any audit or tax appeal process. The IRS would even have to come up with understandable pamphlets discussing and explaining these rights.

The sixth provision establishes a new pilot program providing independent legal assistance to taxpayers, something generally attainable now only through those able to afford a lawyer. Costs, if any, would be determined by the taxpayers income. Finally, IRS would have to submit to an audit itself. The General Accounting Office, which oversees much of the federal agencies operations from a standpoint of cost and effectiveness, would be required to review a number of IRS activities and provide annual reports to Congress.

NOTES AND COMMENTARY
Socially Unacceptable
by "THE FONZE"

DREG OF THE WEEK: Sully

ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER CASINO, ANOTHER JOB WELL DONE.

ACKNOWLEDGED: Chas and his World Series. For those fortunate to be invited or those who just walked in, it was a good party in Page Friday night — all the little boys and girls looked nice in their Sunday Best. On the other side of the lake something was going on in Adams, what it was nobody knew, not even the people who put it on — everybody has got to be a rookie sometime. There was also a party in Rand, no one knew, no one cared!

Saturday night Bates students had something to celebrate and there were no organized parties, there was a portable party in the BILL which one couldn't call exciting, overall last weekend was a poor showing.

EVERYBODY GO TO THE BOWDOWIN GAME! SHOW THOSE SAPS WHERE WE ARE AT.

FOOTBALL FORECAST:
A NEW SOCIAL CRAZE, "FREE LUNCH" SHOULD NOT BE DEALT WITH TOO HARSHLY OR TOO CYNICALLY.

"Free Lunch" seems to have been that creative writing that goes on at Bates. The first "Free Lunch" appeared last February, but it can't be called exciting, overall last weekend was a poor showing.

TO "THE LONE STRIPPER" THE FONZE DOESN'T CARE WHAT SOME PEOPLE THINK, THE VOICE OF PUTDOWN'S A NURD.

TO BE DIFFERENT IS COOL, Y'ALL ARE JEEZED FACED OR I'M A NOOD.

FROM THE TRUTH I HAVE LEARNED I HAVE NEVER DETERRED.

THE "STRIPPER" HAS EMERGED AS A MASTER OF PHRASE.

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE HER TOOL.

THE FONZE HAS BECOME A NEW SOCIAL CRAZE.

BUT WHAT'S PLEASANT AINT ALWAYS WHAT'S COOL.

Debaters Sweep Tournament
by Peggy Carey

Bates novice debaters made a civic sweep of the fourteenth annual Dartmouth Novice Invitational Tournament as they opened their 1975-76 season of intercollegiate competition. The Bates freshmen took first place in overall competition and each of the top three prizes in individual speaking awards competition.

Bates was one of five schools to enter the event, which also drew teams from the University of Maine at Orono, Vermont, the University of New Hampshire, and Dartmouth. The teams debated the national intercollegiate varsity resolution that the federal government should adopt a comprehensive program of land-use controls in the United States. Arguing against the proposition were freshmen Tom Connolly of Canton, Massachusetts, and Jim Veilleux of Waterville. Connolly and Veilleux were undefeated in three rounds of competition. Affirmative speakers Todd Robinson of Albion and Peter Roosth of Chicago, Illinois, posted a final record of 2-1 in their first preliminary. The combined record of the two teams was enough for Bates to claim first place.

In addition, Connolly was judged the best individual speaker in the tournament with Robinson and Veilleux close behind at second and third respectively.

The Bates varsity teams, meanwhile, were profitable in their first preliminary round of competition for the season as they journeyed on October 21 to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. As estimated one hundred teams from all over the country are expected to attend.
Bernard Lewis: Political Revival of Islam
by John Rogers

Last Monday evening in the Little Theatre Bernard Lewis delivered the Rayborn L. Zerby Lecture on contemporary religious thought. The subtext, "Political Revival of Islam," was not a topic which could be expected to have wide appeal at Bates, but although there was a light faculty turnout, a surprising number of students attended the lecture.

Professor Lewis opened with a brief look at the traditional Christian view of Islam. In the Middle Ages, Christians did not even use religious terms to describe the Islamic world, for Christendom did not even concede the reality of a religion other than their own. And when the Christian world finally admitted that Islam was a religion, it assumed that Islam had the same structure as Christianity. As a result, a whole series of still popular, but false, analogies between Christianity and Islam became prevalent in Western thought. Examples include equating Mohammed with Christ, a Mosque with a Church, and the Islamic Friday with the Christian Sunday.

Professor Lewis then made two basic points relevant to the relationship of Islam to politics. First, he stressed the universality of religion in the life of Muslims. Second, he emphasized the centrality of Islam as the individual's focus of political identity. Mohammed, the founder of Islam, was a soldier and a statesman as well as a prophet. From the very beginning Islam was associated with power and authority. This can be contrasted with Jesus's martyrdom on the cross. In Islam there is no separation of the Church and State. The state is associated with Islam, and not, as in modern Europe, with any particular ethnic group.

Professor Lewis illustrated these themes with the linguistics of Islamic languages. The lack of any distinction between the religious and secular realms can be seen in the absence of any words expressing these concepts in the Arabic language. In the same vein, there is still no word for "Arabia" in Arabic. One has to say "land of the Arabs." This is not, Professor Lewis stressed, because of any lack of political sophistication on the part of the Arabs, but simply that they do not look at the state in terms of an ethnic nation.

Professor Lewis questioned the meaning of the terms "nation," "nationality," and "nationalism" in the contemporary Middle East. When a Lebanese speaks of "nationality," who does he really mean? The Arabs have always had terms for ethnic groups, but when in the 19th century the Western ideas of nationality were first introduced, the Arabs invented new words to express them. The reactions of Islam to the Western world has in recent times run in cycles of acceptance and rejection. Acceptance and imitation has been a reaction to the power and efficiency of the West, and has resulted in the adoption of the concept of the nation-state. But rejection has come in religious terms, and involves the rejection of the nation-state in favor of pan-Islamism.

As an example of the confusion surrounding the meaning of nationality, Professor Lewis cited the Greek-Turkish exchange of the 1920's. From 1921 to 1928 Greece and Turkey exchanged their Turkish and Greek minority communities. On the surface, it seemed that the exchange would make the new, "secular," state of Turkey more ethnically homogeneous. But closer inspection reveals that the "Turks" who were sent to Turkey spoke Greek but were Muslim, while the "Greeks" who were exchanged for them spoke Turkish but were Christian. In Western terms what happened was not an exchange of nationalities, but of religious minorities.

But in the Islamic world no such distinction was made. Professor Lewis spoke in a precise style seldom heard at Bates, and in sharp contrast to Julian Bond, he inserted his humor at the right moments. Not only did he talk of the relationship between religion and politics in the Islamic world, but by implication he raised questions about the applicability of current social science concepts to non-Western cultures. The CA is to be commended for bringing him to Bates.
KENT STATE: FIVE YEARS LATER

LILY TOMLIN TO APPEAR

Gifted comedienne Lily Tomlin, fresh from her dramatic starring role in the hit film, "Nashville," appeared as herself on Wednesday November 13, at 8:00 P.M. at the Portland City Hall Auditorium.

Lily will be appearing in her new comedy revue, "One Piece," which promises to be an evening of laughter and tears. Tickets are $6.50, $5.50, and $4.00.

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Grayson Takes State Singles Title

by Linda Herman

This past weekend the Bates College Tennis team compensated for its many losses of the season mainly through the stellar performance of Jill Grayson. Grayson, the 1st singles, Emily Wesselhoff, 2nd singles, and JoAnne Kayata and Linda Herman, 1st doubles team, participated in the Maine Intercollegiate Tennis Tournament held in Brunswick, at Bowdoin. On Friday afternoon JoAnne and Linda suffered through a tough loss to the eventual winners of the doubles tournament — Colby’s Karen Husbeth and Beverly Vahlving, in straight sets (1-6, 3-6). Emily snatched an impressive victory from U.M.P.I.’s Janet Seavey in the first round (6-4, 2-6, 6-4); but lost in the quarter finals to Bowdoin’s 1st singles, Beth Gerkin (2-6, 6-4). Jill Grayson breezed through her first victory, against Mary Miller, also from Bowdoin (4-6, 6-0, 6-1). Jill’s Saturday’s performance, however, that led to the ascension of the star from Bates. In his half-final matches, Jill proved to be a master of the game in every sense of the word. Her first victory was over Orono’s Sue Staples ... even in the face of their team. Jill proved to be a cool headed competitor, and took the match (6-4, 6-1). It was the finals, however, that truly proved her total competence on the courts. Even after confessing to us that she was going to be “taken to the cleaners” it was Jill who finally cleaned up on the courts that afternoon. Colby by some to be the underdog to Gerkin from California, through her sharp thinking, masterful control of the lob, and smooth and beautiful backhand, she proved beyond the shadow of a doubt to be the true Maine women’s champ. She defeated Gerkin 4-6, 6-2, 7-5.

Even after having been to Wimbledon last spring, I can honestly say it was truly some of the finest tennis I’ve ever seen — even if it did almost give coach Pat Smith a cardiac arrest. Jill truly deserves the utmost congratulations. Good luck to her in the New Englands.

Olsen Named ECAC Player of the Week

Bates College Quarterback Steve Olsen, who engineered the Bobcats’ 25-22 upset win over C. W. Post College Saturday, has been named Eastern College Athletic Conference Player of the Week. Olsen, a sophomore from Lynnfield, Mass., threw two touchdown passes and scored another himself to lead the Bobcats back from a 14-0 second-quarter deficit.

Both of Olsen’s scoring passes were to tight end Split End Mark Shapiro. The first a 39-yard bomb on a fourth-and-one situation and the second a 3-yard pass after an effort. He completed 11 of 12 passes, caught a pass from his halfback for 17 yards, and scrambled for what probably could have been the winning TD late in the fourth quarter.

Bates Coach Vic Gatto, who gave Olsen his first college start after the 1st set to upset Maine, noted that Sophomore came through with a fine performance called him “a fine quarterback.” Gatto continued “Even if a play is broken, he can still do something. Steve is a fine scrambler who can turn a ten-yard loss into a gain.”

The Bobcats are now 2-4 on the season, and will open their defense of the C.B.B. (Colby-Bates-Bowdoin) Conference title this Saturday at Brunswick.

Stickers Cop State Championship

by Marty Pease & Claudia Turner

Grayson, a senior, is the most successful player on the Bates tennis team. She overcame her loss of the 1st set to upset favored Beth Gerkin of Bowdoin 4-4, 6-2, 7-5, and win the Maine State women’s collegiate singles title.

INTRAMURAL NOTES

Peter Smith edged Robin Ellison in the Seventh Annual Intramural Cross-country Race held during halftime of the football game Saturday. Smith’s time over the 2.5 mile cross-country course was 13:31, a second faster than Ellison. In third place was Glenn Madlack.

Men’s touch football has entered its third week of playoffs. The other fall sports are all done. Overall, the women’s volleyball, women’s basketball and men’s volleyball and basketball will be getting under way in the middle of November. Be sure you’re going to get your winter exercise by seeing your intramural representatives making sure that your name gets on to one of the rosters.

The Bates soccer team lost last Saturday to the Worcester-based Clark University team in a game the Bobcats knew they should have won. Things looked good as Jim Toney took advantage of the game’s first break when the Clark goalie lost possession of the ball attempting to feign Toney. One mistake; one goal. A truly fine play (the kind that make soccer a great spectator sport) deserves some attention — unfortunately the near misses are better sport. Bates captured the ball near midfield and Claudia Ida beat a couple of defenders before delivering the ball to Toney in the center of the field. He led Mike Cloutman with a pass as Clouty was cutting in from the wing. Clouty made a beautiful fake on the scoreboard operator by sending his shot inches wide of the right side of the net.

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The second half picked up pretty much where the first half left off with Bates controlling play. Claudia Ida came through on a penalty kick to knot the score at two. Three mistakes; four goals. Although Bates came close to scoring several times, it was Clark who got the crucial next goal. Goalkeeper Hill was overcome by a slippery field and butterfingers as he lost control of a ball right at the goalmouth and it dribbled behind him for a score. Four mistakes, five goals (Need I go farther?).

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The first star of the game would have to go to Angelo Salvucci who has played superb fullback for the last two weeks and is finally getting the playing time he really deserves.

The leading scorers this season are Jim Toney (7 goals, 1 assist), Claudia Ida (2 goals, 2 assists) and Mike Cloutman (2 goals, 1 assist).

The soccer team had its second meeting with Colby on Tuesday at Waterville. Bates took its home match 2-0 three weeks ago. They face Bowdoin this Saturday in Brunswick at 10:30. The Bobcats will be shooting for a split of the season’s series and possibly the BBC title.

Chase Bow to Clark

by Fred Clark

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Harriers Trample NESCAC

Bates College's Cross Country team placed their entire five man team among the top 13 finishers as they finished with easily the best performance of the NESCAC meet, held Saturday at Tufts. NESCAC stands for the New England Small College Athletic Conference. The meet was not officially scored on a team basis, since NESCAC discourages ranking of teams in the conference. However, everyone was naturally interested in knowing how the teams would stand, and added the positions for themselves.

The race was run on a hilly, long (5.4 mile) course run of the Tufts University campus. The route had been laid out just for the meet, and finished on the football field immediately before the Tufts game with Williams. Bates runners, getting practice for the big meets in the next few weeks, sprinted to the front of the pack and grabbed the top positions quickly. As the race progressed, they were joined by the top runners from the other teams. Had there been a team title, Bates would not have been seriously challenged for the top position at any time during the race.

Hamilton College, a New York powerhouse, showed a pair of fine individuals, Bruce Carter (New York State XC champ) and Jon Schmeyer finished 1st and 2nd, but little depth as their 3rd man finished 17th. After that, Peter Ciano of Tufts was 3rd, and Steve Jones from Union outpointed Bates' Bruce Merrill in the best 200 yards for 4th place. Merrill and Paul Oparowski of Bates were 5th and 6th. Tom Leonard and Rick DeBruin finished in 9th and 10th, while Jim Anderson, running what Coach Walter Slovenski called a "...the best effort of his career..." rounded out the Bates team by taking 13th. Bates placed all 5 of its men before any other team's 2nd man (except Hamilton). It was the second straight week of outstanding team effort. The 5 man spread (on a very tough course) was only 44 seconds, the best of the year.

If one looks at how the teams would have finished had a meet score been kept, one sees that Bates would have been the easy winner with a score of 43 points. Middlebury would have been second with 109 points (Take that President Reynolds), Tufts 3rd, Bowdoin 4th, Union 5th, and Amherst 6th. Hamilton, Williams, Wesleyan and Trinity did not have five men finish.

This Saturday, the team will travel to Franklin Park in Boston to participate in the Easterns. Rumor has it that Providence (one of the 3 or 4 best teams in the entire nation, and the Easterns winner for god only knows how many years) may pass the meet up for a Division I NCAA qualifying meet. That would open up the meet considerably. Arch-rival Brandeis, Springfield, Boston State and Williams will be the Bobcat's toughest competition. The first three are among the few to have beaten Bates this year, but all but Boston State appear to be faltering slightly in the late season. With a good individual and team effort, Bates should be able to improve last year's 4th place finish in the 22 team meet.

10. A few bursts up the middle and the scene was set for Olsen's 2 yard run to glory. Olsen's run and senior Dave Edwards' extra-point kick (his first attempt after numerous fakes) put Bates out in front 25-14. The thrill of victory was in the air.

Apparently the agony of defeat was in the minds of the Post players, for as Edwards boomed a high kick to the Pioneer 20 yard line-collision set in and Bates' Boucher (remember him?) came out of the pile-up with the ball and what seemed to be the clincher. Post was not to be denied, on the very next play they recovered a Bates fumble and ugly thoughts passed through the minds of many in the stands. But once again, the defense came up with the big play, sacking Post's quarterback and then recovering his fumble. This time it was freshman lineman Bob Burns who came up with the ball on the Post 15 yard line. The Bobcat drive stalled at the 5 but with only 2 minutes left, the victory was in the bag and both teams knew it. As Post scurried to move the ball, the Bates bench was in high spirits, starting to realize just what they had done. With the Bobcat defense giving him anything under 20 yards on every pass, quarterback Prodromides moved his team 93 yards before he scrambled for a 2 yard touchdown with only 3 seconds to go. Prodromides added two more points to his teams total when he hit a field goal from 35 yards. The Bobcat defense gave up 14 points in the last 2 minutes of the game, and opponents have not scored a touchdown on Bates in the last 2 minutes in any game since early in the season.

For Bates it was a tremendous victory, the type you dream of. This was no fluke it was simply one team outplaying another. Let's hope that the team does well against Bowdoin and Colby. The return of Gary Fugatch, who ran for 94 yards, was a big lift to the Bobcat offense. Bates gained 13 first downs on the ground. Unfortunately, Nick Dell'Erario hurt his other shoulder and is a doubtful starter for this week's Bowdoin game. Good News — Kevin Murphy may return this week to help out a defense that looked unbeatable. The Bobcats are now 2-4 and could finish 4-4 if they continue to play as well as they have in the last two games.
Urging quick evacuation to avoid Holocaust

Experts say J.B.'s Collapse Imminent

by Dick Rothman

Reliable sources within Lane Hall have privately disclosed to "The Student" that the highest levels of the school administration are planning to have J.B. demolished. Reportedly, the old dorm on the corner of Campus and Central Aves. has immense structural problems and must be evacuated fairly soon, lest the students occupying it be in danger.

This summer the school quietly hired the firm of Franchi, Inc., a Boston based construction company, to check out deficiencies in J.B.'s foundation which had been noticed by several gnomees. Last week Franchi's report reached the trustees. Early this week I was contacted by a prominent Lane Hall aide who was concerned that the students residing in J.B. would learn about their dorm's sad fate too late. This official, who wishes to remain unnamed, gave me details of the report and administration reaction to that report.

According to Franchi, J.B. rests on a sea of mud, and the foundation which holds it erect is seriously cracked. As a result the mud is slowly seeping through the walls of that foundation, pulling it apart and causing the upper floors of the dorm to sink into the basement. The report states that a total dismemberment of the foundation which would cause the entire dorm to collapse will occur "within five years" unless necessary repairs take place. Unfortunately, the foundation is in such a sorry state that its repair would be prohibitively expensive to the college and take at least one year to complete.

And although the danger of collapse is very minimal "for at least 1/10 to 2 years," the report recommends that "the dorm should be evacuated as soon as possible" and "students be transferred to other dorms where they may reside with friends, or they may, if they choose, live off campus. Even vice-president of J.B. will probably occur immediately before Christmas vacation, and during moving week no exams will be given in all classes."

The committee has reportedly decided not to give refunds to J.B. occupants — even as a subsidy to off campus living. The predominant opinion of that body seems to be: "they wanted to live there, so they'll have to take the consequences." However, the college will compensate J.B. freshmen, who never had a say in their roooming, by treating them to a night on the town during which they will visit all the exciting hot spots in Lewiston and Auburn. Their chaperone will be Professor Hodgkin, who is planning to cap off the evening with "a dramatic Midnight visit to Lewiston Republican Party headquarters where punch and cake will be served."

The most difficult problem the committee has faced has been planning the ultimate demolition of J.B. The Zanconi Bros., who are famed for having blown up Miami's formally fabulous Fontainebleau Hotel, were consulted about taking the job. Unfortunately, the destructive family thought the job too small for its reputation, and reportedly will only blow J.B. if Lewiston Junior High School is included in a package deal. According to my source, the city will allow that aging facility to be destroyed only if it gets 95% of the proceeds which can be raised by selling tickets to temporary bleacher seats which will be erected along Central Ave. to hold the throng of people who will want to personally witness the explosion. In addition, the city lawmakers are demanding 100% of the cash raised through the sale of the event's TV rights to a local station.

Although those demands are high, it appears very likely that the committee will go along with all of them, and that J.B. will be blown to bits sometime in the spring of next year. This may seem like a cruel way to end the old dorm's misery, but at least it will rule out the agony of a slow death at the hands of a bulldozer and wrecking ball.

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