



Random Patterns

. . . white-collared conservative flashing down the street/pointing their plastic finger at me/ they're hoping soon my kind will drop and die/ but I'm going to wave my freak flag high, high "

Falling: When you're falling, it's impossible to be cool. There's something mystical about falling; we've all done it before. One minute you have complete control over your body; composure isn't a problem; gravity is on your side, and your coolness is in tact. Then, it happens - you trip. The world slips into a slow-motion mode; you hit the ground. Once you've realized what has happened, you feel stupid, helpless and confused. You wonder who all saw you fall. Then, you get up and attempt to shrug off the whole incident. There's always someone there to lift you up and brush off your back. And . . . there'll be someone there to laugh at you, to remind you that indeed you did fall and that you looked mighty goofy.

Me and my pal Allison decided to check out the aftermath of the Five Point's St. Patrick's Day celebration. Trash decorated the streets - leftover hints of people's fun. We watched drunk people finishing their partying; we saw two unrelated incidents of people busting their butts.

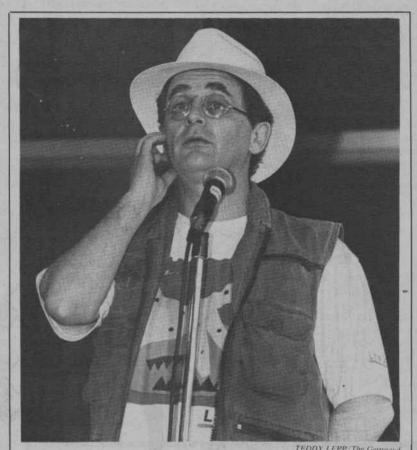
First Fall: We saw the two lovers walking toward us. He stopped to tie his shoe; she kept walking. To catch up with his girl, he bolted into the street; he got tangled up in some street trash and crashed hard. His girl stopped, looked at him, then kept walking; she was embarrassed. He was bleeding. He stumbled up and acted like he wasn't hurt or bleeding. He rushed up to his girl and said, "Karen, I'm sorry! Come on, I didn't mean to fall." He was sincere; Karen only ignored him.

Second Fall: This 40-ish looking woman bounced up to me and Allison. She wore a black, polkadotted miniskirt, and she smelled like Wild Irish Rose. She talked to us with a cigarette dangling from her mouth; she wanted to know where to find Crazy Zacks. We told her, and she ran toward the intersection. Allison yelled, "Be careful!" Just then, the drunk woman's feet tripped over each other. She tumbled halfway into the Harden and Green streets intersection; she hung on to her cigarette. So, as she tumbled sparks flew from her; the cigarette made her look like a cheap, July 4th firework. Finally, she gathered her senses, her cigarette and headed toward Zacks, acting as if she never fell or stopped traffic.

Jesus and Madonna: Madonna doesn't fall in her new video, "Like A Prayer," but she does sport this slinky, black nightgown and boogies like crazy in this church. She gets real sexy in this church and starts writhing on the floor, then she picks up a knife in the church, and it pricks her palms. She looks, and she has nail holes, just like Jesus's. Then, she starts to boogie again, but this time, she's lit by a lot of burning crosses. I've never been to a church like Madonna's, but to tell you the truth folks, I'd like to check one out.

A Grabbing: If you don't have MTV, pick up the new Rolling Stone magazine. Here, you'll find a big picture of Madonna grabbing her

There's also an interview with Madonna in Rolling Stone where she talks of praying, saying, "I pray when I'm in trouble or when I'm happy. When I feel any sort of extreme. I pray when I feel so great that I'll think I need to check in with myself and recognize how good life is. I know that sounds silly. But when it seems there's so much bull*\$ around, it's important to just remind myself of the things I have to be grateful for. On the other hand, when I'm feeling really bad or sad, I pray to try to reassure myself. It's all kind of rationalization. I can't describe the way I pray. It has nothing to do with religion." This is praying Madonna-style.



Dr. What

Sylvester McCoy, alias Dr. Who, speaks to a group of Wholigans (Dr. Who fans) Thursday in The Golden Spur. He was here promoting the popular BBC program that is the longest running science-fiction series in

Somebody Strange coming to campus

From staff reports

Some comics are witty, some are a bit odd and then there are some who are downright strange. Eddy Strange, that is, and he will appear at The Golden Spur at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday

Strange has appeared in the biggest nightclubs across the country, but has concentrated on the California circuit, playing such houses as The Comedy Store in Los Angeles, The Punch Line in San Francisco and The Improvisation in L.A.

He is no stranger to television either, with his credentials including Entertainment Tonight, the USA network's Nightflight and the David Brenner Show.

Tickets are \$1 with a student ID and \$2 without.

He is the fourth comedian in the series sponsored by the special programs division of the Carolina Program Union. Melvin George II will wrap up the series with an appearance April 4.

Sociologist proclaims National Orgasm Week

By JEFF SHREWSBURY

Managing editor

If Roger Libby had his way, there would be a lot of wave crashing and cigarette smoking this week. _

Libby, a doctor of sociology and a sexologist from Massachusetts, has proclaimed this week, March 20-27, as National Orgasm Week.

That's right, National Orgasm Week.

Libby, who has written several books on human sexuality and at least 25 articles for publications such as USA Today and Lifestyles, uses humor and a scantily clad frog named Roxanne to tell people in his lectures and sometimes nightclub act that it is OK to have sex, as long as it is SAFE sex.

Libby says the statistics of the number of heterosexual AIDS cases have been "overblown by the media," but he readily admits AIDS is a serious problem.

"The purpose of National Orgasm Week is to promote safe sex and to balance the scales of the media hype and the negative things about it," he said in a phone interview from Daytona Beach, Fla., where he is spending the week spreading the word that orgasms are a good thing.

"I got sick and tired of the distortion of sex these days," Libby said. "The media has blown the paranoia way out of proportion. AIDS is terribly hard to get through vaginal intercourse, but they (the media and authorities) won't let you know that.'

Dr. Francisco Sy of USC's AIDS research group dipsutes that. He says Libby is completely wrong and that the AIDS crisis is not overblown in the media.

"If anything it's getting worse," Sy said. "We should have sex. It is beautiful, but people should be responsible in their choices, whether that means using condoms or abstaining.

"It's a democratic country. He can say what he likes, but he should tell people that they should know what they're doing first," Sy said.

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Dr. Roger Libby

Libby agrees with that warning. He said he knows people think he might be some "crazy," but he said he is not. He is a professional, responsible sociologist who just wants people to know that if done correctly and safely, sex is still a good

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Some might say Libby is promoting promiscuity by creating Orgasm Week, but he says no one is promiscuous.

"Moralists throw that word around like a barb. Almost nobody is promiscuous. They're just using that word because they are mad that people are having more sex than they are," Libby said.

Libby, who is on the college lecture tour, uses his own brand of humor to get people to talk about sex and AIDS. He said people should have sex, but they should also know the people they are having sex with. He uses his frog friend to demonstrate a pre-sex interview.

Libby says the pre-sex interview, where the partners discuss contraceptives and histories of one another's sex life, is essential.

But he said the modern AIDS parnoia shouldn't scare you away from enjoying partners.

"Enjoy each other. Enjoy sex. I'm not an extremist, I'm a realist," Libby said. "Sex, but safe sex, is essential."

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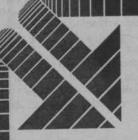
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