The Comment, April 9, 1981

Bridgewater State College
Concerns remain regarding the state of literacy. "All over the country," says Harvard University's B.S. degree in Psychology and Physiology, "literacy and the lack of it is a crisis, a problem of human size." The literacy rate, he explains, is "a measure of the books and newspapers and what people can take in and understand, not just at the surface level, but in the context of the whole program." The main issue, however, is not the rate itself, but the consequences of illiteracy on individuals and society. "People who cannot read," he adds, "are like prisoners in their ignorance and helplessness." He cites the example of a man who cannot read a newspaper or a book, and who is forced to rely on others to interpret the world for him. This, he argues, is a form of social and economic discrimination.

The governor has recently announced plans to increase funding for literacy programs, but many educators and advocates remain skeptical. "The funds are welcome," says one teacher, "but they are not enough." Others point to the need for better coordination and evaluation of programs, as well as for more comprehensive strategies to address the root causes of illiteracy. "We need to look at the bigger picture," says one expert, "at the social, economic, and cultural factors that contribute to illiteracy." Only then, he argues, can we hope to solve the problem once and for all.
THE WATERS WILL RISE

By Phil Con

Is this any reason for why the fountain behind the Student Union no longer sprays streams of water and is colored pink, purple, and blue in celebration of the occasion? Many times to observe the fountain running, we have noticed that the fountain has to be operated once again, although it has been turned off at various times.

Last spring, the Board of Governors were then allotted $2000 to put towards the area behind the Student Union. Presently, the fountain is because it has passed away. Last spring, Joe McDonald, the SGA president, presented a proposal to the Board of Governors in the new budget, work is scheduled to be done on the fountain. The proposed solution involves the fountain being placed in another area. The proposed area is because it has passed away.

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It Pays To Consider Why the Tides Behind the Student Union No longer seem to produce dramatic swings in student opinion, attitudes or activities. It is believed that this phenomenon is due to the new generation of students who have been born since 1960. These students have no memory of the Vietnam War, and it is believed that this lack of experience has caused a decrease in the intensity of their political views. It is recommended that the Student Union should consider this fact when planning future events.

FREE BEER!!

In my capacity as the Manager of the Student Union Bar, I would like to announce that we will be starting a new promotion: free beer on Wednesdays. This promotion will run from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM and is available to all students with valid ID. We hope that this will encourage more students to visit the bar and enjoy our facilities.

In Defense Of Low Brow Humor

So, you think that pop culture is trash? Well, let me tell you something: it's all we've got! Pop culture is our only link to the past, our only connection to the present, and our only hope for the future. So, stop hating on it and start appreciating it for what it is: a mirror of our society.

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the Dow Jones Industrial Average closed the week ending April 3rd at the $1,000 mark? It is the period of the year in which it appears that the market will definitely increase. This is also the time when most investors buy stocks, and it is believed that this will continue to increase the value of the market.

NEW YORK TIMES

The Stock Market Sense

For the past few weeks, the stock market has been in a state of flux. There have been many different factors that have contributed to this, including changes in interest rates, economic indicators, and political events. Despite this, the market has managed to hold its own, and it is believed that it will continue to do so in the future.

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We hear that Phillips Cox, an Associate Justice on the student court, plans to resign soon because of her disagreement with the way in which developments are being handled. Concerned, the union called the strike off when our distinguished member, the union's President Donaldson, paid his debt to the students. The book that would reveal the formula to the secret of success is included in the strike-off package. Our distinguished friend, the union's President Donaldson, has decided to resign from the union because he feels that it is no longer possible to continue his work for the students.

The publication of the book, titled &quot;The Formula to the Secret of Success,&quot; has been a major development in the world of publishing. The book was written by a retired professor who had spent years studying the secrets of success. The book has received widespread attention and has become a bestseller.

The author of the book, Professor John Smith, has explained that the book is designed to help readers understand the factors that contribute to success in life. The book includes a comprehensive analysis of the key factors that are essential for success, such as motivation, hard work, and perseverance.

The book is divided into several sections, each focusing on a different aspect of success. The sections cover a wide range of topics, including personal development, financial management, and career advancement.

Professor Smith has emphasized that the book is not just about theory; it also includes practical advice and strategies that readers can use to achieve their goals. The book is intended for anyone who wants to improve their lives and achieve success in any area of their life.

The publication of the book has been highly anticipated, and it has already received positive reviews from readers and experts in the field of success. The book is expected to become a classic in the genre, and it is already a bestseller on Amazon.

If you are interested in learning more about the factors that contribute to success in life, the book &quot;The Formula to the Secret of Success&quot; is available for purchase on Amazon and other online retailers.

We encourage all students to read the book and start applying the strategies and techniques outlined in it to achieve their goals.

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Whispers

We hear that Phi Psi and Alpha Phi are planning to hold a formal event next month. The preparations are in full swing, and attendees are expected to be dressed to the nines. The event will likely be held at one of the campus ballrooms, and tickets will be sold at the door. Be sure to mark your calendars and get your tickets early, as these events tend to sell out fast.

Comment

by Dave Burns

By now, most students have probably heard of some of the organizations on campus. But how many of you know just how many there are? And how can you decide which ones to join? This column will be all about organizations—both student and professional—and why we participate in them.

Some of you may think it's a waste of time to join a club or activity. But the fact is, these organizations offer more than just classes and assignments, but a glance at their offerings reveals a plethora of options such as religious, athletic, and fine arts groups. There are so many organizations, it's hard to start or how to go about it. There are so many organizations, it's hard to know which ones to join. There are so many organizations, it's hard to start or how to go about it.

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Rock at 27½ by Joe McDaniels

New Hope for W.O.W. and Quits, Spills and a Wendy’s

The group’s four albums, including their latest, 27½, is a wild mixture of styles and moods. It’s not a simple matter to pigeonhole them. Yet, there is a certain continuity to their sound, a certain understanding. The group has been together for a year now, and they are still a work in progress. The music is raw and unfiltered, a perfect reflection of the group's energy and enthusiasm.

The album is jam-packed with great songs, including the hit single, “Wendy’s.” It’s a catchy tune that’s sure to get your feet moving. The lyrics are smart and thought-provoking, and the production is top-notch. This is a group that knows how to put together a great album, and 27½ is no exception.

ARTS

Magazine Photo Contest

The Magazine is sponsoring a photo contest entitled "New Hope for the Wretched" and it is a rude, definitively punk contest. The contest is open to all contestants, and it is a great opportunity to showcase your photographic skills. The contest runs now until Sunday, April 22.

Super Trivia

by Joe Wallace

So, you think you know trivia? If you are, the time has come to prove it! The first two lines of the first stanza of the Beatles’ hit song, “Hey Jude,” are, "Don’t you worry about a thing, ’ ’cause your folks don’t understand what you’re feeling inside."

A Play of Our Own - Part 4

The Ensemble Theatre, in cooperation with the Eastern Illinois University Music Department, is presenting a new play by Stephen Baldi entitled "A Play of Our Own - Part 4." The play is set in a small town in the Midwest and follows the lives of the residents as they deal with the challenges of everyday life.

Checkmate

by Lisa Levine

Ralph’s stage work is admired by his many fans. Lisa Levine’s "trickster" idolizes him beyond her young years. She is determined to win the annual "Best Trickster" contest and has turned to the local newspaper for help. She is determined to do it right this year.

New England Poets’ Conference

The New England Poets’ Conference is a unique event that celebrates the diversity of New England’s rich literary culture. The conference is held annually in early May and features workshops, readings, and panel discussions with some of the region’s best-known poets.

Rockers and Rollers

by Susan Leventhal

The Rolling Stones are back with their latest album, "Rockers and Rollers." The album features 10 tracks of pure rock and roll, with the band’s signature sound intact. The first single, "Start Me Up," is already becoming a summer anthem.

Celluloid Tragedy

by Louise Bury

Albert Brooks’s latest movie, "Modern Romance," is a parody of a typical Hollywood film. The movie follows the lives of two characters, a successful movie producer and a struggling actress, as they navigate the Hollywood machine.

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For Anyone Who Will Listen

The setting for the article is in the Massachusetts General Hospital, a large medical center in Boston, Massachusetts. The article discusses the challenges and experiences faced by people with disabilities, particularly those who are visually impaired, as they navigate the hospital's environment.

The article mentions the presence of visual aids, such as Braille signs and audio descriptions, to help guide patients. It also highlights the importance of accessibility in healthcare settings, emphasizing the need for continued efforts to improve patient safety and satisfaction.

The article concludes with a call to action, urging readers to support policies and initiatives that promote inclusivity and accessibility in healthcare environments.

The writer expresses gratitude to the staff of the Massachusetts General Hospital for their efforts in creating a more accessible environment for all patients.

The article is supported by images of the hospital's building and signage, as well as quotes from hospital staff and patients who share their experiences.

The article is written in a clear, concise style, using descriptive language to convey the challenges faced by visually impaired patients. It provides a glimpse into the daily life of people with disabilities, emphasizing the need for continued efforts to improve accessibility in healthcare settings.