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Poetic justice

It seems to me, Fabian Vaksman [*U. Magazine*, December 1993] has already been compensated more than fairly by our judicial system. I would think \$122,500, plus reinstatement into the program, would be enough for the average person. I don't see why he should be permitted to make threats against the faculty. The university community does not need people with loose screws threatening members of the faculty, staff or other students. **Tim Reynolds, senior, Washington State U.** ⚡

Music to our ears

No doubt you media stooges found yourselves mumble-fistedly incapable of including Austin, Texas, in your ill-conceived (but still, very contrived) depiction of "College Music" [*U. Magazine*, December 1993].

Perhaps the reason why Austin was omitted is that this two-horse town's music scene has consistently refused to hawk "alternative" music to the marketroids and their bleary-eyed dupes (unlike your six 'minion cities').

The incessant headbanging of Seattle and its fellow sycophants must by now be replaced by the banging of their collective heads against what were the walls of their music scene, now reduced to rubble. Their final, angst-filled cry will undoubtedly be, "Why couldn't we have been more like Austin?" **Chris Sowada, senior, U. of Texas** ⚡

My kind of town

Looking at the cities reviewed in your article, "College Music Lives," I noticed a significant omission. With two bands that have roamed at the top of the college music charts, Urge Overkill and Smashing Pumpkins, I believe you forgot Chicago.

Maybe you shouldn't pass over the Second City next time, as they will soon no longer be the Second City of

alternative/college music. **David J. Pocs, graduate student, Northern Illinois U.** ⚡

Shame on U.

I think your coverage of Michael Jackson ["The Ups and Downs of '93," December 1993] was totally irresponsible. I'll tell who cares: Every parent of a young child.

Do you really think child molestation should be lumped in with topics of "biggest bitch" or "the worst comeback"? Your survey is an embarrassment to any university community. You have trivialized the seriousness of the charges against Jackson as well as implied that charges of this nature can and should be tried in the media. You have sent the wrong message to the future parents of this country. Someone should be severely reprimanded for the outrageous blunder. **Sherry Hohman, academic adviser, Southern Illinois U.** ⚡

Review misses a beat

In the December 1993 issue, Travis Major reviews the Revolting Cocks latest album, *Linger Ficken' Good*. "The result," he states, is an "... hour-plus CD [that] rapidly becomes tedious." That is where he is wrong. *Linger Ficken' Good* is one of the best albums in the area of industrial music today. Tracks like "Mr. Lucky" and "Gila Copter" show what he missed, that this album is not to be taken that seriously. This band is a group of guys and girls that got together, recorded some tracks for the fun of it, like they have before, and will probably continue to do so in the future. **Daniel Weeks, sophomore, Stephen F. Austin State U.** ⚡

Letter of protest

After reading the letter pushing for a ban on protesting and "carrying on about every stupid little thing on campus" [*U. Views*, December 1993], I couldn't stop laughing.

What did Mr. Marshall think he spent three paragraphs doing? Sure looked like his letter would fall under the "carrying on about every little thing" category. What was funnier to me was that he himself said that he felt anyone doing just what he did should be expelled from school, and sent to the military. What a goon!

I'd just like to say thanks to Mr. Marshall for the laugh, and that I hope the military treats you well. **Kevin Curreri, sophomore, Colorado State U.** ⚡

Ego check

Today, I received a copy of *U. Magazine* in the *Colorado Daily*, an independent newspaper at the U. of Colorado, Boulder. The magazine struck me as very lightweight and superficial for its intended audience of college students. If it were a cartoon, it would be a lot closer to "Family Circus" than to a thinking cartoon such as "Doonesbury" or "Zippy." Maybe this is your intention, but if so, I can't see what useful service you are providing.

If you must chew up hundreds of thousands of trees to publish your magazine, I wish that you would put something worth reading on its pages. **Scott Jonas, senior, U. of Colorado** ⚡

Corrupted by e-mail

I just finished reading your article "Surfing the Information Superhighway," featured in your November issue. I agree that computers have now become an extremely important tool for any college student. E-mail is more addictive at most college campuses than alcohol and most drugs. Some crazy people end up skipping meals, missing classes (oh no!), and God forbid, missing parties by sitting in front of some dumb terminal. E-mail is pretty fun, but just don't OD on it. **Dhiraj Murthy, freshman, Claremont McKenna College** ⚡

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"I don't feel safe graduating under his administration." **Amy Dorsett, junior, Sam Houston State U.**

"Do I think Clinton's doing a good job? That's like asking if a brick floats. Of course not. It never will and it never has." **Seth Sproul, freshman, Oregon State U.**

"Yeah, I think Clinton is doing a good job. The health care plan looks good, and Clinton's never looked better on television. It's just her husband we've got to worry about." **Virany Kreng, junior, U. of California, Irvine**

"I think he's got good intentions, but the road to hell is paved with good intentions." **James Maloney, sophomore, Oklahoma State U.**

"I say that Clinton is a liar and a cheat and he's going to run our country into bankruptcy." **John Aldridge, freshman, U. of Arkansas, Fayetteville**

"No, I don't think Clinton is doing a good job, and frankly, I believe that my dog can do a better job than he does. I can't wait until '96 when the Republicans will take office again." **Michael Herbert, sophomore, U. of Massachusetts**

"I believe Clinton is doing a superior job considering the

shape the U.S. government and economy are in today. He's fighting to change policies that don't work and essentially give the United States a government that works for them and not vice versa." **Kate Schneider, freshman, Kent State U.**

"Yes, I believe that Clinton is doing a good job though I think he could use some backbone. We have to remember that Harry Truman and John Kennedy had very tough first years as well. If anyone needs rousing about, it's Congress." **Jodie Peeler, junior, Lander U.**

"Clinton is probably the worst president in the history of this nation. He makes Carter look like a national hero." **Troy Muller, junior, U. of Alabama, Birmingham**

"I think Clinton is doing a very good job because he's very innovative and has a lot of new ideas, and I think the fact that he's younger than most presidents is one reason why he's going to help the college students a lot. He remembers what it was like when he was a college student, and he grew up in a middle class family so he understands how difficult it is to pay for college." **Brian Nash, freshman, U. of Miami**

"I would be willing let Chelsea have her turn in the Oval Office." **Michael Jenkins, sophomore, U. of Texas**

"Yeah, I really think Clinton is doing a good job. I think we couldn't ask for a better president. I think our country's in good hands." **Nichole Landis, sophomore, U. of Cincinnati**

"If Rush Limbaugh ran for president, I'd vote for him over Clinton any day." **Mike Cooper, sophomore, UCLA**

"I don't trust President Clinton or her husband Bill either." **Brent Zenthoefer, freshman, Ball State U.**

"No, he's not doing a good job. In a time when the entire world is leaving the left-wing socialism for free market economies and capitalism, it's ridiculous to think that we, the United States, the former leader in that category, are now moving towards where [other countries] have come from, which is obviously towards socialized medicine, larger government and government controls of the market." **Jason Huntsman, senior, U. of Arkansas**

"In the past, people have always complained about presidents not doing anything, and the only complaint you hear about Clinton is someone maybe not liking what he's doing. I think Clinton is doing a fine job, and I am so glad that we finally have a president who cares about college students." **Kenny Blake, sophomore, U. of Georgia**

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