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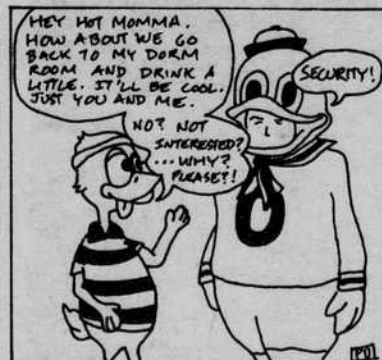
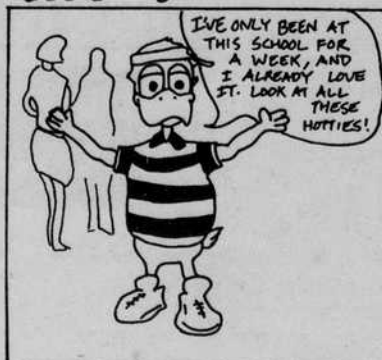
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CD store

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Winchester said. Winchester said one contributing factor to the lack of interest from music stores is the Request For Proposal (RFP) process that the EMU uses to lease business areas within its walls. The RFP process involves typing up a lengthy document that outlines every aspect of how the space will be used by a company interested in occupying it.

Winchester said the document

is written in "legal-ese" and that "the RFP process for leases has become so long and cumbersome that it's a daunting task to perform without hiring outside help." She also said many smaller and independent music stores simply don't have the resources to consult a lawyer solely for the purpose of exploring the possibility of expanding their stores.

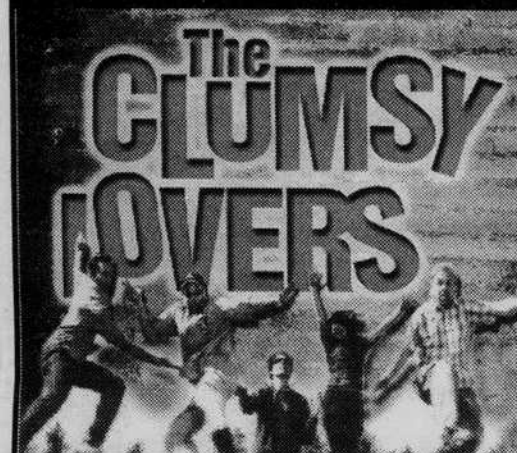
The fact that The Break will not likely be housing a music store any time soon throws its future into the air. What will happen to The Break this fall?

Waverly said The Break staff has conducted surveys and research regarding what the students want. She said more and more students are using The Break as a studying lounge rather than a place to spend money.

"The EMU Board needs to make a decision about whether The Break needs to generate a profit. We're going to work hard this fall to outreach to students and groups," she said.

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Harry Potter

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Headless Nick, the Gryffindor* ghost!

The movie is just a placebo, though: It's nothing new, just a confirmation of what I already know. And, though it pains me to admit it, there is no way that the movie can live up to the expectations people have of it. Not that I won't be there opening day.

The fifth book is the real fix. I need it so bad that I will have to wade through ankle-biters to buy it at midnight the day it comes out. Then I will be lost forever. But there is no date set for its release. Apparently, Rowling enjoys torturing me and the other Potter slaves out there by taking her sweet-ass time!

The only saving grace is that I'm not as crazy as other people — but what does that mean about them? I took an extensive quiz to test my

Harry Potter obsession at <http://www.fuuko.com/hpquiz.html>, and I came away with a 17 percent score: "Part-Time Potter Fan — You probably have a real life." Woo hoo!

Some of the 100 questions in this quiz were just plain sick! My favorite (if you call it that) was: "Have you read the books to your unborn child so that they'll become addicted young?" People do this. The creator of the quiz tested at 81 percent obsessed.

And it's not just people — it's the commercial industry. Besides the horrid merchandise and the card game and the spin-off books, a Harry Potter video game is in the works for Game Boy and PlayStation. A special edition of Harry Potter LEGO figures is coming, for God's sake. Can you imagine? Little, yellow conical heads with tiny scars* painted on them!

If you have managed to stay away from Harry Potter, I would like to tell you to keep doing it ...

but I can't. They're too good not to read. It would be like not watching "The Simpsons."

We're all doomed.

Glossary:

*Nimbus 2000: The top-of-the-line flying broomstick (very expensive).

*Quidditch: A wizard sport where people fly around on broomsticks attempting to score points with various flying balls.

*Slytherin: One of the four houses at Hogwarts school for wizards. They are all nasty brats.

*Gryffindor: Another of the four houses (the one that Harry is in). They are the good guys.

*Scar: Harry received a prominent scar when, as a baby, he defeated the most powerful evil wizard in the land.

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