

In this and next week's issue we will look at more than 23 establishments, evaluating them on a variety of criteria ranging from dress to atmosphere to Greek factor (that being the amount of our fraternal and sororital chums turning out at the bars. 10 is a lot of 'em and 1 is just the right amount).

Our goal is to give you our opinion — and let us stress that it is just that; the opinion of one of our correspondents who frequents the gig they are reviewing - on your favorites and some joints you may never have heard of or heard whispers of but weren't sure what they would be like. GET OUT AND SEE THE WORLD, KIDDIES!

Let this and the subsequent issue be your guide. Keep them on hand for future reference (or in case you get a puppy).

America Cup

Cover: none

Entertainment: usually alternative rock jams on the stereo Theme: decor is sailing boat accessories, including a full sail draped from the ceiling Best Night: Friday buffet from 4-8 pm, but it gets crowded. A good place to start the night any night, meeting friends then moving out on the town

Age Requirement: 21 Greek Quotient: 6 Location: on MAC, across from the Riviera Cafe Chow: decent menu, always free

popcorn Best Specials: Blue Marlin specials, but you must be a member of the Blue Marlin Club to get them. Drink specials everynight, but a bit pricey Crowd: casual, with some people playing backgammon, chess, "break the ice" or talking and eating popcorn

Dress: casual leaning toward preppy

Friendly Factor: easy to meet

it's also not a place to dance or throw up on your neighbor. The Cup is a great place to go with a group of friends to have a good time and play with the army men that come with the combat juice.

— tim perfitt



Cover: none

Entertainment: jukebox Theme: layed-back, hip pizza joint Best Night: Saturday. \$2.50pitchers of Bud Lt. or Labatt's w/pizza order Age Requirement: none Greek Quotient: 2-3 Location: 213 Ann St. (across from Pinball Pete's on Albert) Chow: full menu, specializing in pizza, sandwiches, pasta

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Best Specials: Lunch special: slice pizza, small salad and soft drink for a few bucks Crowd: laid-back, mellow liberals Dress: anything goes Friendly Factor: high Diversions: wide-screen television, CD-jukebox The Straight Poop: The sign reads: "Please wait to be seated." And that's about the only formal thing about Bilbos.

If you want to eat good, homemade sandwiches or mouthwatering pizza with the most wholesome ingredients to be found in a college pizza joint, go to Bilbos. You'll be more than satisfied with the food, but may have to run about 10 miles, do 100 sit-ups and ride your bike for a day to burn off all the calories consumed at this spot. Bilbos is best known for its food. However, the local restaurant also

has a full-stocked bar installed right up front. While the kitchen crew works to satisfy your tastebuds, the bartenders brew up some drink specials that'll satisfy both your thirst and budget. With \$1.50 Bloody Mary specials on Sunday, or \$1.50 Cuervo shots on Friday, Bilbos' bar is a must if you stop in for a bite to eat. And if you're not hungry, stop in anyway.

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Get a drink, watch a sports event on the wide-screen TV and check out the crowd. You never know who you might bump into. Maybe Coach Perles, I hear he likes pizza

alexis keaton



Cover: \$2-\$3 Entertainment: dancing, dj's, bands on Wednesdays Theme: a unique party place Best Night: Tuesday (new music night), Wednesday (radioactive wed.) and Friday happy hour Age Requirement: 19 Greek Quotient: 3-5 Location: below America's Cup Chow: none Best Specials: Friday happy hour drinks and drafts dirt-cheap Crowd: mix of Lansing and EL people, lots of dancers Dress: whatever turns you onflashy Friendly Factor: pretty friendly

folks if you're bold enough Diversions: a breathalizer, pool table and a condom machine in the restroom

The Straight Poop: a night out to America's Cup is enjoyable. It is not the wasteland of the Riv, but

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crowd, good place to meet opposite sex

Diversions: basketball, tvs, pool *The Straight Poop:* the best place in town Tuesday nights for new music and dancing. The djs are generally hip and play your requests, but you may have to wait up to half an hour for drinks during Friday's happy hour madhouse. The decor is unusual, but pretty comfortable — especially if you get a booth. it's a good place to watch people and relax or dance and get funky if you're so inclined.

- ron happening

Chi Chi's

Cover: none Entertainment: none Theme: mexican restaurant Best Night: Margaritaville on Tuesday Age Requirement: none, 21 for lounge Greek Quotient: doesn't apply Location: In Okemos, on Marsh Road across from Meridian Mall Chow: mexican food, not bad but pricey for the quality Best Specials: cheap margaritas and huge drafts during Margariaville, with free nachos thrown in Crowd: yuppics and families

Crowd: yuppies and families Dress: whatever you like Friendly Factor: high during Margaritaville when folks are getting bombed Diversions: food and tvs The Straight Poop: the food isn't bad and isn't cheap, but if you're looking to get away from EL for a

weeknight, Margaritaville is the night.

While the lounge fills up quickly with hordes of yuppies and others looking to quench a healthy thirst, you can usually find a table and a tall, 20-oz. draft of Labatt's for just over a buck if you're willing to come early or wait. The food isn't too bad, but the price can limit your appetite. Taco salad gets decent reviews, but if you're going for the brews and Margaritas it might be a



good idea to lay off anything you don't want to wash out of your duds later.

- ron happening

Landshark

Cover:\$2, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday

Entertainment: Live entertainment Tuesday, Friday & Saturday. Featuring jazz, blues and brass ensembles. Theme: laid-back, atmosphere for people who enjoy chasing down beers and downing shots of just about anything.

Best Night: Friday. Start the night with the Happy Hour buffet. Drink \$2.75 pitchers or \$1.50-bottles of Labbat's Blue or Labatt's Lt. all night and sit back, kick up your feet and listen to the sounds of live entertainment.

Age Requirement: 21-and-over after 9 p.m.

Greek Quotient: 9-10.

Location: 101 E. Grand River Ave (corner of Abbott and Grand River) Chow: Burgers, fries, bar shrimp, sandwiches, etc...

Best Specials: Friday Happy Hour Buffet, \$2-all-you-can-eat. Serves hot buffalo wings, pizza pockets, hot dogs, sumbarine sandwiches, chips ... everything but the kitchen sink. \$4.50-mug-oshrimp. \$7.25 Sharkbowls. Crowd: middle to upper class conservatives.

Dress: preppy, Greek. Friendly Factor: high (with alcohol contributing to this figure) Diversions: pool tables, TV screens, video games. The Straight Poop: Sorry young ones, but that's the golden rule at the Landshark - 21 and over after 9 pm at East Lansing's underground, drinkingentertainment-eating joint. For those fortunate to have valid identification showing they are 21 years old, the Landshark is a definite spot you won't want to miss. But that depends on the mood you're in, the crowd you're looking for, and most importantly ... the drink specials your wallet can afford

The Landshark offers its clientele a casual, laid-back atmosphere where people can feel comfortable resting their elbows on tables, spilling beer on themselves while chugging it down and killing a shot with a friend. In fact, the infamous SHARKBOWL — an alcoholic, punch potent enough to put

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drinks, the Landshark has room. With Tuesday's \$2.25 Milwaukee's Best (Worst) pitcher special, or Thursday's \$1.50 pitcher special, beginning at 4 p.m. with 25-centhourly-increases, I'm sure there is something your budget can afford.

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permanent grins on the faces of four — was made for those who are looking to get loaded and have fun doing it.

If you're pinching pennies but still are interested in having a few

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Drink specials are a daily thing here.

And the crowd Greeks galore, at least Thursday-Saturday. Depending on how much of "Hey guys, I just downed my 30th shot," or "Oh Muffy, I love your sweater! Can I borow it?" you can handle, you might find a-nightin-the-life-of-a-Greek exciting (or maybe amusing?) But if Greeks are Geeks in your book, you might want to think twice about entering this bar. Unless of course you ignore them, which is what everyone does anyway, right? And one last word about the Landshark: Give it a shot ... and then have one.

- alexis keaton



Cover: none Entertainment: jukebox with a

range of Johnny cash to Guns N Roses

Theme: no gimmick or motif ---that's the beauty of it Best Night: any night after a horrible exam when the big mug of beer hits the spot

Age Requirement: none Greek Quotient: 1; the place is blue collar, it would clash with their polos

Location: next to Denny's on Grand River Ave. Chow: potato chips and pretzels by the small bag Best Specials: as everyone

already knows, the huge 20-oz. mug of beer for 2.5 bucks Crowd: blue collar and basically male

Dress: as you normally would. dressing up is a mistake Friendly Factor: the people are friendly, so it's relatively easy to meet people. if you want to find someone to go home and sleep with, go to Sensation's. Diversions: pinball machines and a pool table The Straight Poop: Paul



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Revere's is one of those places that is great to go to if you're in the right mood. Go there with one or two friends around 5 pm weekdays and hang out with real people. It's refreshing.

And if it's not, the huge mug of beer will be.

— tim perfitt

P.T. O'Malley's

Cover: varies; none-\$2 Entertainment: live music sometimes Theme: trendy Best Night: happy hour Friday

Age Requirement: 21 after 4 pm Greek Quotient: 10+ Location: Abbot Road, across from Bank One Chow: snacks and limited menu

Best Specials: happy hour Friday

Crowd: very, very, very trendy and greek

Dress: ditto

Friendly Factor: wear Polo and bring rubbers; don't use your real name or wear corduroy hats you might want to have the next day Diversions: pool The Straight Poop: P.T. O'Malley's is a place where, according to their menu cover, features old time rock an roll. They

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host live entertainment, usually on Tuesdays through Saturdays. For all of Jerry's kids, there are 0.35 drafts and Jerry Sprague on Wednesdays. However, if you are not into a sorority sing along, then there are shirmp and buffalo wings from 3 to 9 p.m. on Fridays, for a mere two dollar cover charge. If wings aren't your bag, they also have a full burger menu. P.T.'s runs drink specials Monday through Friday, and you have to be 21 to get in after four. It doesn't sound like too bad of a place right? Well, if you have never been there before and are thinking about trying it, here are a couple suggestions: first, dress accordingly, this place rates a 10+ on the g(r)eek scale, and if you don't have something Polo on, they have stick on horses at the door. Second, it's a good idea to go with a bunch of people, that way there will be someone to talk to who might not care about the last time you were in Europe, or the last time you had jetted off to New York to go shopping. If you feel like going out with a bunch of people, getting a big booth, maybe shooting some pool, and taking advantage of some pretty good drink specials, then P.T.'s might be a good place to try. It is possible to have a good time there - at least that's what I've heard.

- corky ven

Small Planet

Cover: none Entertainment: Tuesday: Blues Party; Wednesday: Yikes Goodly; Thursday: Born Naked Theme: nostalgic, Roaring



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Twenties decor, very comfortable atmosphere, excellent service Best Night: every night has something to offer, depending on what you're looking for.

Age Requirement: none Greek Quotient: 1-2 (negligible) Location: 225 Ann St., across from Pinball Pete's

Chow: full menu, seafood especially good

Best Specials: one of the widest selections of imported beers and wines in town

Crowd: very cool crowd; small groups of people comfortably chatting

Dress: casual to a little dressy **Friendly Factor:** not a pick-up bar by any means, but it's not impossible to approach someone **Diversions:** a good variety of tasteful music played over the PA

The Straight Poop: What I really think is great about Small Planet is how versatile it is; you can have an affordable lunch between classes with a friend or an elegant candlelit dinner with that special someone. You can come with a group and take in some blues or get bombed at the bar together.

Whatever your interests, Small Planet can offer you a relaxing evening away from the cliques and the garishness of many other East Lansing nightspots. I hope you try it if you haven't already, because it's one of my favorite places in town.

greg griffin



Cover: none Entertainment: live dancing by the staff, dj, occasionally bands will gig in the adjoining Hannah Ballroom Theme: fifties nostaglic Best Night: ? Age Requirement: none

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ble Greek Quotient: 5

Location: Hagadorn Road, just down the street from Hubbard Chow: full menu, pricey Best Specials: thick milkshakes Crowd: older, hip-type yuppies and their kids

Dress: jeans and a sweater or polo shirt

Friendly Factor: not to tough to meet people on the dance floor, real tough if you've got a burger in your face in a booth Diversions: music, dancing,

occasional bands, staff dance routines

The Straight Poop: this is not a totally bad place, but the food is too expensive for the quality and the beer ain't cheap. It has a certain sentimental attraction for the older set and a curiousity draw for us young welps When the patio is open it adds a whole new dimension to an otherwise older yuppie-dominated joint. I could do without the staff dance routines, however, they were a little more palatable than the patty melt I ordered.

— ron happening

The Varsity

Cover: none

Entertainment: live jazz Saturdays; trivia Tuesdays; occasional poetry readings Theme: cozy, traditional decor Best Night: Tuesday night trivia is a riot, Saturday night jazz is worthwhile Age Requirement: none Greek Quotient: 2-3 Location: 1227 E. Grand River Chow: Full menu Best Specials: happy hour 4-7 p.m. Crowd: mixture of college students and older folks Dress: casual Friendly Factor: not a place to

pick anyone up at Diversions: two tw

Diversions: two tvs, house music played on CD played over PA The Straight Poop: My impression of the Varsity is that it is a restaurant first and a bar second. So while it might not be the best place to go if you want to swing on the chandeliers or hook up with a passing gal or guy — that shit is a real drag anyway — you can forget about it and relax. Round up a group and hang at the Varsity, 'cause you won't reget it. It's particularly fun in the warmer part of the year, when you can sit out on the patio with a pitcher, a sandwich, and a friend and watch the sun set over beautiful East Lansing. The folks at the Varsity have created a very comfortable atmosphere with good food and drink, and should be commended for the entertainment they've been adding in recent months.

— greg griffin





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Honest dialogue a key to ending rape

It is interesting how my life appears to work in cycles. Within the past week, I have had conversations with four women about rape. What bothered me the most about these talks was how they saw rape as an exclusive male bastion. "MEN," they said, "are so messed up, you go around attacking women weaker than you." But no one ever asks what causes us to act this way. No one explores how our culture differs from those where men are not taught to rape, because men do not have an innate desire to rape, it has to be learned. Where and when is it learned?

If you walked into a room where people were dancing, it is easy to see how a naive observer might conclude that the movements were being CAUSED by men because we have to lead. This was a big problem for me in seventh grade. The girls were bigger than I was and I had a hell of a time pushing them around. They

didn't go for it too well and I didn't do it very well. We stepped on each other a lot. But, over time, I learned to lead better, they learned to follow better, and I hardly think about it any more. Learning about sex is a lot like my experience with dancing: You step on each other a lot at first and then, once you have learned more about dance steps, you do a whole lot better together. Unlike dancing, though, sex takes place within a woman's body and, if something goes wrong in the process, the mental shit winds up on the woman.

I have to admit there are some men who like dumping their shit on a woman and walking away because they feel absolved of responsibility ---those are the guys who say they will call but never do. And I also have to admit there are insensitive assholes who think that they deserve to be let into a woman's body without a foundation in intimacy being established. If a woman says she doesn't want to have sex, men stop. Back off. Talk about your feelings to find out what went wrong with your perceptions and communication in the relationship so you don't make the mistake again.

It is in the critical area of how men learn to be masculine or feminine that the seeds of rape are sown. Our culture demands that men assume gender roles which are not based on our biology. Men, remember, all the times your grandmother, a teacher, or someone else's mother made you sit still? Made you feel shitty about what a mess you were? Humiliated you over things you couldn't do anything about because you were a boy? This is "normal" demasculinization leading to social compliance. Rapists feel rage and hatred for those who remove parts of us we enjoy. (Men often get confused and accuse women of "castrating" us when we are only being asked to behave in a more feminine manner.)

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Rape is a violent act directed at the image of one who removed our masculinity; it is an act of revenge on someone no longer present. "I was raped by my date and it still hurts," reads a sign in the stairwell of Baker Hall. Was she raped or did she participate in a sexual act where only one partner enjoyed the sex?

A woman invites a male friend to accomppany her to the library. They study together. When they return to the dorm, he asks to ride up on the elevator to protect her. When she opens the door to her room and remarks that her roommate appears to be out, he knocks her to the floor and has sex with her. Is this rape?

A guy has been dating a girl for some time and they enjoy romantic things like taking long walks together, holding hands, or rubbing noses. Occasionally they share kisses. On a study date in her apartment, they begin kissing and when she suggests they get back to studying, he tears off her panties and they have sex. Is that rape?

One night at a party, you have too much to drink and you fall asleep on the floor. When you wake up, you are lying on the coats in the bedroom, and a guy you know (not your date) is having sex with you. Were you raped?

You have been going together for several months and the relationship has progressed beyond hand-holding and lip-locking. Some heavy petting has gone on and one night, when you are alone in your apartment, you start to take her panties off and she asks you to stop. You keep going until finally, her protests stop and she appears to enjoy herself. Did you rape her?

After an evening of drinking, you stop off at his place to pick up some tapes for the party you are going to. You drift out of your alcohol-induced euphoria to discover you are having

sex on the couch. Did he rape you? The two of you are really hot for each other. You have done every-

thing which includes mutual oral sex and some mild bondage. One crazy night where you are going around for the third time, you realize he's having rough anal sex with you and it hurts. The next day, you charge him with rape because you didn't want to do it and he hurt you. What's the call?

Somewhere in these scenarios we cross a line from rape, to acquaintance rape, to date rape; where is it? Rape is a violent act perpetrated by demasculinized males who are trying to get back at the women who did it to them in childhood. Acquaintance rape is committed by a man playing a game of having sex any time he chooses, regardless of his partner's wishes. It is balanced by women who make a game of leading men on, then denying them. Date rape is a grey behavior which often results from poor communication among couples who are learning about courtship. Sometimes a woman is being raped, sometimes a man is being (figuaratively) raped, sometimes it is an act of rough intercourse and not rape at all.

Rather than sticking men with complete responsibility for being rapists or, alternatively, making women completely responsible for controlling sex, maybe it is about time we began looking at the ways we avoid communicating our sexual likes and dislikes. Maybe if members of both sexes shared equal adult responsibility for how sex is working out, we would not have the degree of pain and discomfort illustrated by the sign in Baker Hall. I assume a woman wrote it only because women seem more aware of their suffering. He has no idea of why he did what he did, but he's hurting too. Raising consciousness means ending this shit.

the ole Provoc speaks the gospel There are a lot of stupid things in the world that As my older brother will attest to, that's like taking all irritate me...in case you haven't guessed. the sugar out of my Cap'n Crunch - why bother eating it? Oh, I forgot who I'm talking to, I better spell it out: L-Or, as the gentle reader of these diatribes might O-T-SO-FS-T_U-F-FG-E-T-SM-EP-I-S-S-E-DO-F-F. relate to, it's like taking the little chewed-up pieces of hay Oh, that's right, you probably can't spell if you're and grass and bile and gastric acid and junk out of horse wasting your time reading this crap. shit - why would you clowns bother eating it?



It's another hump day and I actually feel kind of good. How 'bout the rest of you toe cheese chewers? I hope you are snivelling in a pool of your own mucus right about now.

Gosh, just thinking about that makes me feel good about myself!

Well, enough of this pleasant banter --- I don't get all the Hydrox I can eat just to chat with the likes of youse...so let's have at it...

But for those of you with a patient and intelligent friend, here's another one for the list: The American Gladiators.

What kind of snotbags watch that fabricated barf? Is there anyone with an IQ of over 8 out there in the audience? And what about the athletes; have these guys ever had a real job or a real life?

Or did they just break their lease at Cedar Village to take a shot at stardom?

Speaking of Cedar Village, it's kind of sad to see the anti-Cedar Fest ordinance overturned. In spite of all the scumlovers out there in the streets providing us with proof of a missing link, it was a good time (providing you didn't ride your bike to the festivities).

As my good buddy Universi-D used to say: "It's nice to see everyone out there acting like little Provocs."

And what makes a better transition into this next item than the Cedar Village-total bonehead-lotsa beer connection?

What is it with this new trend in "non-alcoholic" beers anyway?

And what's with all the question marks this week?!

Poor Ivana Trump.

She put up with The Donald and now she's going to have to put up with a multi-million dollar settlement.

Hey, man, no amount of money is enough to have to co-habitate with a guy having an affair with his ego. A modern-day Ziggy Stardust? No, just a creep.

Was it just me or did Diana Ross have more costume changes than key changes in her "grand" concert at the Breslin Center (note the lack of "Student Events")?

It certainly wasn't a student event, what with all the codgers there.

Wonder if they'll show up at graduation, too?

I'd like a car if they do ... on second thought, where would I park the damn thing.

If you bite a wintergreen lifesaver in the dark and it makes a spark, than you're too damn old to do something about it anyway. (Prune-thang.)

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Reviews Boston rockers *Extreme*ly good

Extreme *Extreme* A&M, 1989

Boston has always been a hotbed of rock music, as well as a launching pad for several bands. **Aerosmith, Boston**, and **The Cars** all have Beantown roots. Now, another band from Boston hopes to make a splash in the music world. They are *Extreme*, and their self-titled album scores as one of the most impressive debuts of the late 80's, ranking with *Tracy Chapman* and **Living Colour's** *Vivid*.

Extreme has been the secret



of the Boston nightclub scene for the past few years. In 1989, the quartet signed a contract with A&M Records, thus the album, and the obvious comparisons to the aforementioned bands, especially Aerosmith.

This album comes right at the listener in the first track, "Little Girls". The song moves at a nice pace, and features some fine guitar work by Nuno Bettencourt. Bettencourt and vocalist Gary Cherone write all the music and lyrics, which could explain why the drummer, Paul Geary, is not given much of an opportunity to exhibit creativity. Or the band could just be saving something for the next album. Instead, this metal band prefers to utilize the vocal talents of all four members, leading to some great harmonies, an uncharacteristic feature among metal albums.

Bettencourt has many moments of brilliance scattered throughout the album, as does bassist **Pat Badger**. Most notably are "Little Girls", "Teacher's Pet" (Sort of like **Van Halen**'s "Hot for Teacher" come true), and "Smoke Signals". Badger's bass line steals "Flesh and Blood" and then Bettencourt's solo snags it right back — it's fantastic.

Cherone's voice is reminiscent of **Steve Tyler**'s (of Aerosmith). It twangs along among the higher notes, and has the capacity to be strong and forceful, but at times it can be soothing and melodic.

The album's content is as varied as one could hope to get from any band classified as heavy metal. The songs range from the frolicking "Wind Me Up" and "Little Girls" to the sensitive "Rock A Bye Bye" and "Watching, Waiting", to the accusing "Kid Ego" and the anti-establishment "Smoke Signals".

Extreme does not yet have the sheer energy of some of its more experienced contemporaries such as Aerosmith, Whitesnake, Bon Jovi, Van Halen, and The Cult. However, this album shows that with a little more work in the studio and on the road, they will be one of the premier pop/metal bands in America.

-BRIAN MARSHALL

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hell. I like it.

Afterall, my girlfriend's moody, why shouldn't my waitress be?

Yes, this is a bar. With a grunt, along came the pitcher and the cheap food. I shot the shit with my friend and enjoyed the easy-going, nontrendy atmosphere. The crowd consisted of two tables of students, plus the regulars who called to each other by name. After deciding the fate of world politics and who should pee first, and being that the chairs were being folded on the table next to us, it was time to head back to Moo U.

Fortunately, the Mobile gas station was right in front of Dagwood's — OK, so I got enough left to put a buck in the tank.

Ten cents to get me home, and ninety cents to burn letting one of the forty cops in E.L. follow me around town on the way.

Dagwood Tavern and Grill, 2803 E. Kalamazoo St., is located in Lansing, just off the highway interchange one block south of Frandor. AND, the management is collecting old trophies for the Special Olympics, so bring your old junk.

BEHIND BARS is a regular feature of the uR-I in which your host TIM PERFITT introduces readers to the nightspots most often overlooked by you E.L. kids. So watch for him — the cops are...







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Entertainment



Rich Fossier Does his best Colin Quinn as **Rick Morrison Cuts a** mean riff.

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Trip the light fantastic with Going Public

by LYNNE HOFFMAN uR-I music correspondent

To begin with, you can't overlook the fact that Going Public is what one might call a Chick Band - there were so many women there it looked like a hairspray convention.

This isn't necessarily a bad thing, though, because the band pulls in quite a crowd of men and women alike who all have a great time on the dance floor. And even the band members frolick through the crowd between sets.

And eventhough the Hanna Ballroom has a different kind of atmosphere than many college students are used to (it makes one like being at a formal dance or wedding reception), it was able to hold the kind of crowd the Going Public draws.

However, a bar like Rick's, where the band can be seen regularly, provides the atmosphere Going Public's style is made for.

But enough of the setting, let's get down to the music...

It was good! The band showed a flair for the rare before reverting to the norm.

Opening with classic but not so well known songs - like tunes by The Replacements and The Call -Going Public showed their diversity. But when their playlist went mainstream, it was kind of disappointing. BEven at these times, however, they

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played good dance tunes that packed the dance floor.

Their renditions of more wellknown dance songs earned thumbs up, for the most part. New Order's "How Does if Feel?" was most outstanding, as were their R.E.M. covers. As a matter of fact, with their talent for R.E.M. covers, the band could do a R.E.Mania show.

Going Public's guest singer, known only as "Some Chick" (no one would give her name), had a very appealing voice, and her version of "Masquerade" would even put a smile on Terri Nunn's (from Berlin) face.

A suggestion: The guys might want to consider putting her on the permanent roster and giving her a

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name.

Another suggestion: Don't attempt to sing Fine Young Cannibals. And Rap???? One more rip, guys: some of the U2 songs came off a bit stale, but keep trying.

On the original music front, "Love's Calling" was impressive, and if it is any indication of their own work, we wouldn't mind hearing more.

The audience reaction was mostly positive to all their songs. And in a non-scientific bathroom poll, the bimbo response was: "They're Grrrrreat!"

But Going Public is more than a Chick Band. They proved to be most entertaining and the show was well worth the price of admission.

Statistics...yuk. It may be Wednesday, but I want

to go out.

Hopping into the "Behind Bars Tirade Mobile," I notice that the gas

was an ass, so he probably just said that to impress his friends. So I was apprehensive, being that the place that looked like somewhere where Hunter S. Thomson would go to get major story lines.

great burgers and chilli at low prices. BUT NO TABLE SHUFFLE-

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BOARD. Ah, but this was no bowling alley

(though probably the same crowd). Creeky booths, pitchers that were



gauge is not on E.

It's below it.

Shit. Five bucks for a pitcher and no money for gas.

Dagwood's!

I knew someone who knew someone who went there once, but he

Going, I noticed no Hell's Angels, but they've got a bar, a roomful of tables, no pool tables, a juke box, two T.V.'s, both showing the basketball game. Lots of NBA crap on the wall, restrooms the size of closets, trophies all over and - not to be overlooked - \$4.50 (Bud), and cheap food (under \$3 for most of the stuff on the menu). No bands, no cover, cheap food. I like it.

The waitress was rude --- rude as

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