

# Too many right wings flip the American bird



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**Abe:** Boredom does strange things to a government. Our landed aristocracy on Capitol Hill has given up any pretense of having fundamental ideological conflicts. So, the magisterial Senate has taken to all-night orgies, gossip and international gladiating.

But let us not point fingers: who, after all, observes this spectacle from Ted Turner's Coliseum? Our media masses fill their pot bellies at the imperial trough with the mouth-watering images of illicit sex and staged violence. Exploitation brings home the bacon, and we're not about to give up our blood sport. There is

a reason why we thank the gods for our military and their defense of world wide democracy. I suspect it has to do with us little folks getting our share of the spoils when the troops go marching in.

Still, the only war we fight at home is against ennui (drug of choice for the self-righteous and satisfied). And I wonder what we will do when our eyes are bleary from too much TV and Internet and the Cojibas and cognac run out.

I suggest throwing a party, but I'm afraid another Ross Perot might crash it. He already has a

party. In fact, he has two of them. And we are already flying in circles, keeping afloat on the fumes of past conquests and a conivance for starry-eyed world domination in the name of progress. Now, I am no engineering major, but I am going to guess the last thing we need is three right wings to get this party off the ground.

**Azfar:** We need a third party like we need a third eye: the third eye on the forehead of Shiva — the Hindu god who can burn the world into ashes. Shiva's flaming wrath has a deeper significance

than anything in the current paryscape of American politics. In the mythical-symbolic world, Shiva's violence zeroes in on radical reversals of the order of things (His third eye has a thousand suggestive sparkles and I am hinting at only one of them.), while a third party — either Perotesque in style or imbued with the near-feudalist Capitol Hill ethos — will still keep sporting the same old damn signs and symptoms of politics: power always concentrated in the hands of a few in such a way that they



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## Kiros/Driscoll: 'Resistance is futile'

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**Fekadu:** International students will pay the same tuition as in-state students. International students should get paid for the exploitation and colonization they face from the United States. Military programs such as the ROTC will be kicked

off campus — if we don't ask, they won't tell. Their overbearing uniforms are a danger to our minds and to what we are supposed to develop here: critical thinking.

The Faculty Senate will be locked in French Administration until they see the light and approve the curriculum reform.

Resistance is futile. Join the

struggle or perish.

Vote for Kiros/Driscoll in '98. We know where you live.

*Editor's note: Juanita Driscoll and Fekadu Kiros are not running for office.*

*Kiros and Driscoll will return your call if you leave a message at 335-2488.*

## Thank you to Spring Fling participants

Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the individuals who participated in our Spring Fling Dance Feb. 28, sponsored by CEAK/SIRC.

Because of all of your donations we have six full bags of food that will be donated to Sojourner's Alliance. We would also like to thank all of our spon-

sors for donating great raffle prizes.

Special thanks goes out to Mobile Music, KUGR, GLBA, YWCA, Bon Marche, PretzelMaker, Eclectica, Staples and Ad Mart. Thank you to all of these businesses for making our night one to remember.

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## Traveling students use caution over spring break

Editor,

Many students will be leaving for the warmth of the Mexican beaches during spring break. Have fun, but also go with a watchful eye. My family was caught in a scam this past month involving our son who was visiting Baja, Guadalajara and Mexico City.

My son was approached by a young Mexican who spoke fluent English and said he was a student at UCLA putting himself through school by selling information to parents on time shares.

After a brief but friendly conversation, the Mexican "student" got enough information to call us and say our son had been arrested on drug charges and would be released

if \$500 was sent via Western Union. I sent the money.

The scam worked. My son was unaware anything had happened. I didn't know if he was safe until more than a week later when he called.

I learned from the Consular Duty Officer in Guadalajara that drug laws are extremely strict in Mexico. People are guilty by association regarding drug possession.

Even if you do not have any drugs, if you are with others who do, you are as guilty as they are. Be aware and be smart. Do not give out any information about yourself or your family to people you do not know. Pick your friends and associates wisely.

Sylvia Oliver



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