

## Teleconference marks birth of national dialogue

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Hogan Elementary School's. Senior Matt Saxton, who also participated in the conference, thinks that lessons learnt from the hour-long conference are overall useful for generating ideas. Saxton hopes to serve with the Peace Corps after completing his undergraduate studies. He said, "I am interested in working on establishing an after-school program in a politically-volatile country, where children

can be guaranteed a safe environment; where even for a few hours after the school bell rings, they can be separated from the chaos of the world outside and be engaged in productive activities."

The need for after-school programs is a national challenge. The teleconference marks the beginning of engaging the country in dialogue. It is hoped that further nationwide initiatives will continue to address the issue.

## TBN march is "a positive voice for change"

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Middlebury. The Coalition for Feminist Consciousness, in sponsoring Take Back the Night Week, has recognized these problems and continues to fight for awareness of these issues at Middlebury.

With the relative success of the Take Back the Night March, it seems as if the Middlebury community is slowly opening its eyes to the incidents of sexual assault and violence that occur in the real world everyday and, yes, even at Middlebury.

The CFC's Take Back the Night Week Chair, Shauna Hill '99, saw the march as "a positive voice for change" that energized the community and showed that sexual assault

"is something a lot of people are concerned about." Speaking on behalf of the CFC,

Landis remarked, "We really feel that as the years go by this issue has been more and more accepted by the greater college community, and we hope that it will continue to be accepted by more people in the future."

The CFC is currently working on forming a regular support group for survivors of violence against women and is also considering starting an escort service for week-ends with specially trained escorts. The CFC also hopes to organize more sexual assault awareness programs for the college community in the future.

## Regurgitation Man captivates audience

By Tom Marks  
Staff writer

Few people can make a living of regurgitating. Enter Stevie Starr, professional regurgitator. Starr entertained students at Mead Chapel on Saturday, performing dazzling feats of swallowing, sorting and summoning to a responsive audience. A bizarre phenomenon to the showbiz world, this twenty-nine year old baffles his audience by swallowing a variety of items then bringing them back up.

His first eighteen years were spent in a children's home in Glasgow where he discovered his own talent. He had told the 80's show "That's Incredible" in an interview, "I think I was about four when I started swallowing my pocket money and doing things like going out into the garden, swallowing a



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Stevie Starr earns his living with freakish antics.

bumble bee then bringing him back and letting him fly away." He has also appeared on such shows as the "Arsenio Hall Show,"

"Tonight with Jay Leno," "The Howard Stern Show" and most recently "Late Night with Letterman" (see Starr, page 13)

## Writer explains astrological enigmas

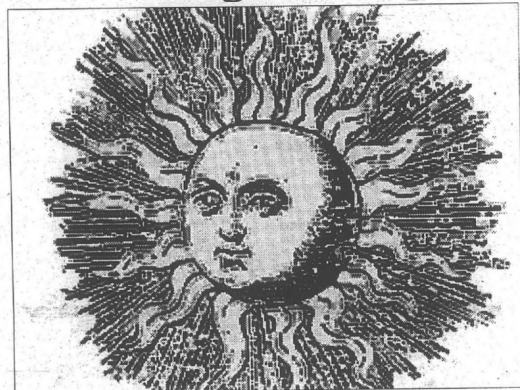
By Willow Stein  
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I like to think of myself as a freak of nature. Unless you know me, you might not agree with that. Of course, you might also have heard me making loon calls late Saturday night behind Battell, and then continuing my entire animal noises repertoire as I entered the building. You may have heard me talk to my car or insist that I am an alien. Or not. Most of the time I'm pretty quiet and sane. Just every once in a while, that is.

But maybe that's just because I'm an Aquarius. Aquarius defining characteristics are that Aquarians are a little odd at the least and more often downright random and unpredictable.

Enough about me, though. On to astrology. I like to get to know a person and then try to figure out what his or her sign is. When I think I have it figured out, I get to use the dreaded pickup line: I either ask what his or her sign is, or when his or her birthday is, if someone looks skittish or skeptical.

Most people don't realize that more goes into astrology than just one sign. There are ten planets, an ascendant (rising sign) and a mid-heaven. All these things play into your personality according to as-



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The zodiac circle can help unlock the secrets of a person's personality.

trology. Each planet (planets include the sun and moon, but not earth) stands for a particular quality of personality, and each sign stands for the way that that part of the personality is expressed. If you get into a chart, there are houses, which explain what aspect of a person's life these personality traits and expressions reflect. For example, I have a moon in Pisces in the second house, which roughly translates to my emotions: romantic and sensitive and express themselves the strongest in reaction to my values, morals, and pos-

sessions.

But I have a Sagittarian ascendant, which is the ascendant or the rising sign which stands for the personality that people see you as having. For me this means that many people see me as a "tough girl," a rebel, strong, and as an artsy type. But in reality, my personality, my sun sign is in Aquarius in the second house. I see myself as fixed or stubborn and eccentric, even weird, in relation to my values and morals and my relationship with my possessions (I've named my computer, my car, my shoes, and many other things I own; and I kiss my car regularly). So overall, I am not only a weird freak, but I am also hypersensitive to everything (a moon in Pisces) and have incredible instincts (a Sagittarius ascendant).

Everyone is probably wondering by now what their sign means, so here's a little list of the good and bad aspects of the signs, from my experience:

Aries [March 21 - April 19]: Impulsive but gets things started.

Taurus [April 20 - May 20]: Possession and values oriented, strong beliefs.

Gemini [May 21 - June 20]: Social butterflies, sometimes stretch the truth.

Cancer [June 21 - July 22]: Motherly, family-oriented, comfortable in groups.

Leo [July 23 - August 23]: Strong willed but sometimes self-centered, leaders.

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