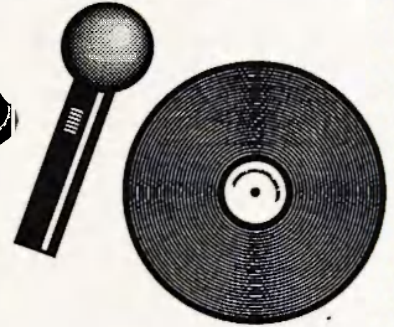


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The Ten Best Selling Books at the UC Bookstore

by Wesley Phipatanukul, Rob Holbrook, Sam Fazio, and Becky Lane

- 1) *500 Reasons Why the Broncos Will Win the Superbowl Next Year* by Morre Dean
- 2) *Herschel Walker: The Billion Dollar Mistake* by everyone from Minnesota
- 3) *Kick It Up a Notch* by Ron Dodds
- 4) *The Gentleman's Guide to Floor Hockey* by Craig Perlberg
- 5) *Why You Need a Doctorate in Badminton* by Dr. Wayne Fleming
- 6) *Recent Breakthroughs in Fast Food Management* by Linda Vollmer and the Deli Crew
- 7) *The Bathtub Book of Inspirational Shakespeare* by Dr. Bill Fitts
- 8) *Friday Night Fire Drills* by the Men of Prescott Hall
- 9) *How to Beat Any Guy at Anything* by Laura Fenton
- 10) *The Best 10 or 15 Years of My Life* by Tom Hinde *



Top 10 Excuses When You Don't Want a Date

by Becky Lane

- 1) I can't because I'd miss a crucial episode of Mr. Rogers/The Simpsons/World News Tonight with Peter Jennings.
- 2) My cat is catching a cold.
- 3) I already have a free ticket to Save-the-Dolphins Crusade in Ute, Iowa.
- 4) I don't believe in pre-marital dating.
- 5) I have mono.
- 6) My favorite second cousin three times removed is flying in from Lithuania.
- 7) My boyfriend doesn't want me to, and he's very, very big.
- 8) I'm saving that evening to browse through past issues of the CLOCKTOWER.
- 9) I'm joining a convent.
- 10) The US Department of Energy Consumption requires that I change all my lights to 15 watts. *

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Confessions of a Collector

by Erik Stenbakken

How much stuff is enough stuff?

This is an important question to ask yourself once in a while. I rhetorically pose this question for my own deliberation on a rather regular basis.

I have concluded that there is never enough stuff one can accumulate.

Take my hobby for instance, photography. Now, to the casual photographer, one camera, a lens, and a roll

of film or two is sufficient. Bah!

I need at least nine cameras (though I would be the first to admit that more would be better). Stuff is central to the point here. You need not ask what occasion I would have for nine cameras, you just never know when I would need to take a glass 3 by 4 inch slide.

Of course it is not just the versatility of having cameras ranging in age from 3 to 81 years old. It is not even so much the ability to take pictures on four sizes of film. It is just the fact that I have all of it.

Collecting things is like collecting little friends. Every one of my thirteen lenses has a personality of its own. Every flash is unique, whether a 2 oz. black one or a 4 lb. orange one.

I know I am not alone in this quest for stuff. My house-mate has had in excess of six drivable cars at a time with countless others stashed around his ranch. A female friend of mine blushes when asked about her hoard of thread. She confesses, "Well, I do have a lot of thread, and needles, lots of needles, and fabric, and batting, and cross stitch thread. Oh! this is embarrassing!"

For some people, having the boxes that things came in is more important than the items long since gone. While cleaning my grandfather's basement, I found boxes for a dinner glass set broken years earlier, a Christmas-tree stand box sporting a faded "NEW" banner with a picture of a family in the Beaver Cleaver era, and in a drawer, a box for red rubber dog booties.

Women often accuse men of collecting stuff in the garage or shop. A woman ponders the usefulness of saving the old tires that the service station took off when the new ones were put on last fall. She attacks, "Is all that stuff really necessary? Will you ever need those bent golf clubs? And what about the pile of Popular Mechanics dating from 1963? What use do you have for that?"

This is a tough question, one that demands a skilful parry. The man

takes a deep breath, and drawing every ounce of courage he unleashes the ultimate weapon: her closet. "Well, honey," he begins softly, "do you remember how many pairs of shoes you had when we moved here?" Her eyes flash to the side as little thunder clouds begin to build behind her pupils. Through clenched teeth she slowly draws out, "Deeeear, don't even. . . ." But he knows he has won. And even as he penitently mows the lawn, he chuckles, knowing that he did not even have to mention the Franklin Mint Collector's plates.

Yes, as anyone with more than two of anything knows, accumulating stuff is a vital force propelling life. Collecting things, lots of things, whether they are valuable or not, is the central issue here. Freud thought it signalled the baby's subconscious desire to control others that begins in the wonderful days of potty-training. But let's own up to it. Who teaches these kids to collect junk? Wasn't it Aunt Berta that gave the little ones that photo-album-looking book to put used stamps in? And who suggested saving the souvenir spoons on the last family vacation? We might as well admit it. Parents turn their little, innocent children into the grasping, greedy adults that selfishly stash newspapers by the ton, smushed aluminum cans by the bag, and eventually on to the hard-core stuff: string and bag ties.

All of this stuff that we collect can only end up in one of two places. Since the junk yard is not ever seriously considered by a real collector of stuff, the only alternative is a museum. Most professors have museum hours

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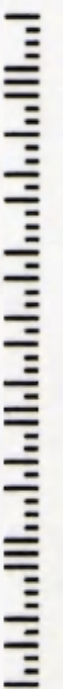
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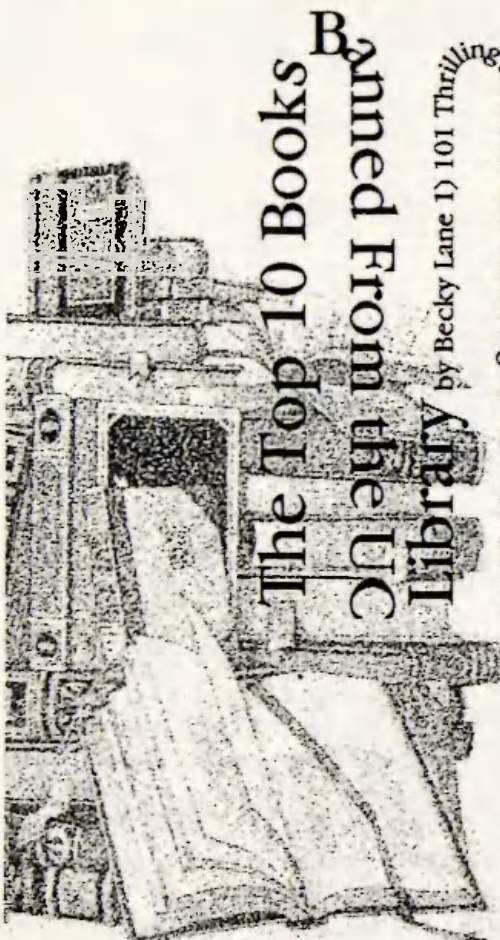
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The Top 10 Books Banned From the UC Library

by Becky Lane 1) 101 Thrilling

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Confessions

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posted on their doors. What else could they be doing with all those old books and videos? School maintenance facilities have extensive collections of various artifacts ranging from desks with sketches of Will Rogers to lead water pipes rumored to have been used in Rome. Even most modern businesses have a section set aside for historical items; just ask to see the euphemistically titled "storage room."

As of this moment, reflecting on the silliness of amassing stuff, I have newly, and firmly resolved to turn back the tide on this stockpiling of stuff. I promise reform. Perhaps you, too, will take the brave step to personal improvement. I wish you the best of luck as you clean packed closets and empty musty basements! (But before you throw away any old cameras, call me. OK?)

Q u i e t P l e a s e !

Not so very long ago, and not so very far away, at an institution of higher learning, a silent auction was held. All the unwanted books and other strange and interesting things were set out to be bid on by the public. This turned out to be a smashing success, with the proceeds reaching into the thousands. Bidding on individual items ranged from \$.25 to \$1,000. A reputable source revealed that the proceeds will be used to send the staff of this institution on a vacation to Tahiti where they will relax. As of yet, funds have not been raised to bring them back. In spite of this, the situation guarantees that somebody (them or us?) will live (there or here?) happily ever after.

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Top 10 Escapes from Rees-catriz

by Gabrielle Bailey

10. Go through front door, say you are going to Kwik Shop. (Don't forget candy bar from room as proof of visit).

9. Pull fire alarm, don't come back. (Be sure to wear protective gloves, available at the bookstore).

8. Tiptoe down stairway, make like a snake and slither past attentive desk worker. Be very very quiet.

7. Bribe Kiddie Kollege employee for illicit key.

6. Pay Russ McNeil to use his amazing makeup skills to dress, act and look like you.

5. Fake overdose - pay off ambulance driver. (This will give you a freebie weekend with vespers credit).

4. Offer to pay fine after using acetylene torch to cut bolts from the Sparks' window.

3. Break your window, climb out on sheets. Leave a ransom note saying you were kidnapped by squirrels - Pat Parmele must fork over Nut Loaf.

2. Cut hole in 4th floor ceiling. Run chairlift from roof to parking lot - offer reduced lift tickets to friends and free courtesy van to VI on weekends.

1. Ask Manish to be your Transcendental Meditation guru. Have out-of-body experience... more fun than actually going to downtown Lincoln. ☆

Top 10 Escapes from Prescott Palace

by Tim Chapman

10. Walk out front door, say going to Kwik Shop

9. Walk out front door, say going to gym.

8. Walk out front door, say going to fix car.

7. Walk out front door, say going to tennis courts.

6. Be a desk worker, check in, then walk out front door.

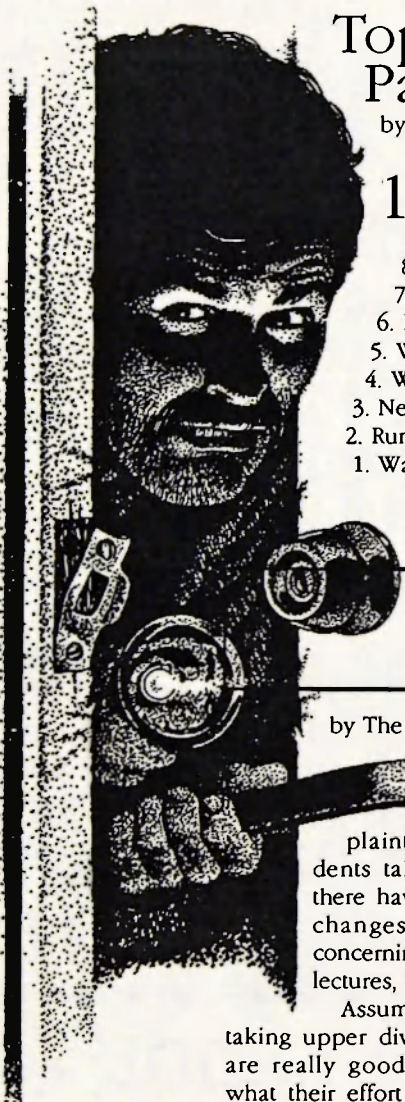
5. Walk in, sign in, walk out front door.

4. Walk out front door, say going for fresh air.

3. Never come in, say were in laundry room.

2. Run out front door, screaming something about a fire in Rees.

1. Walk out front door, say nothing. ◆



Changes in the Science Department

by The Pseudoscholar

As a result of the complaints expressed by students taking science classes, there have been a number of changes in the department concerning grades, homework, lectures, and labs.

Assuming that the students taking upper division science classes are really good students no matter what their effort in the class may be, the class average has been raised from the standard 75% to an incredible 90%! Amazing, the graduate schools will be clamoring to have these students in their program.

Too much homework? Homework is no longer mandatory. Students can

do homework if they choose. None of it is counted for credit. All grades depend on test scores which will be curved in order for the average to be 90%

Due to too much glassware being broken during organic lab, students are now using the micro method for experiments. As a precaution, warning signs have been placed around lab saying "Do not drink any of the substances you have synthesized. It may be bad for you."

Because students absolutely detest overheads and just hate having to rearrange handouts that have not been collated and stapled before hand, overhead projectors have been considered outlawed and handouts destroyed. All notes are taken by hand. ✕

Calvin and Hobbes

by Bill Watterson



Why did you look here? You knew what it would say, silly!