

GARG ALUM



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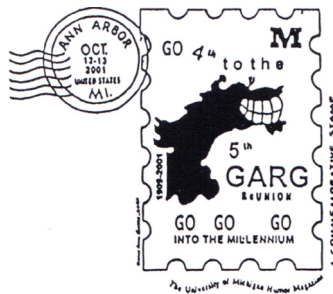
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Remembering Doris (via Carolyn Parkinson)

I met Doris Ann Smith (Art Director '47) at a GargAlum reunion in 1999, when I was a student. The alumni were generous to the students, comping our tickets to the shindig—which meant a free dinner and dessert, and no one got carded when the wine was poured.

I was immediately drawn to Doris' energy, enthusiasm, and creative spirit. Not bad for a broad who had graduated more than 50 years ago.

That Saturday, many of the GargAlum went to the football game, but several of us didn't have tickets. We didn't want the weekend to end, so we hatched a harebrained scheme. I can't remember who first suggested doing a mini-Garg, but Doris came up with the Saturday Night Special theme and cover art, and we all wrote, laid out, and printed it in under two hours.



Every reunion from then on, Doris would do the Saturday Night Special cover art and everyone who was too poor to go to the game would put together something interesting. I always looked forward to seeing her, finding out what was new in her life, and asking her to draw an awesome cover.

I didn't get to see Doris at the 100th Garg celebration. Bad luck, and bad timing, meant we weren't in Ann Arbor at the same time that weekend. I only met her half a dozen times, all told, but I'm going to miss her terribly. She was generous with her time, encouraging to the younger generation, and an unabashedly talented artist. The Saturday Night Special will go on, but it won't be the same without her.

Addition of Nebraska to Big Ten Bumps 2011 Reunion

The Big Ten will soon have twelve teams when it welcomes Nebraska from the Big Twelve (which will then have ten teams). The 2011 reunion had been planned for November 4, with a game against Illinois the following day. Unfortunately, that game has been changed to a road game to accommo-

date the addition of Nebraska to the schedule. On the plus side, there was suddenly an opportunity for the GargAlums to attend the first Big Ten Michigan-Nebraska game.

The reunion will now be held at the Michigan League, Koessler Room, Friday, November 18, 2011 with the Nebraska game the next day. In the future we will try to slide the reunion earlier in the semester, but with the rescheduling happening one year out we could not get the League any earlier.

I can only imagine that Nebraska will not be quite as good on the field, but somehow still get a tie when their coach suddenly announces his retirement.

Garg Faces Existential Crisis: Second Century Fund Can Help (via John Dobbertin)

The Board has approved Gargoyle's 2010-2011 budget for \$4,000 in ad sales with \$1,000 in commissions resulting in an anticipated loss of \$750. This is the last time the Board will accept a loss from Garg.

The Garg has a staff that is interested in making the magazine run more effectively. They're open to new ideas, and are putting more feet on the ground than ever before.

In the meantime GargAlums can help in two ways. The Second Century Fund has been created as an endowment for publishing. We don't intend to replace the need for sales altogether, but we can help create an incentive to publish. We are asking for donations that are split between the Second Century Fund and immediate publication costs (Gargoyle Program Fund). Go to <http://www.pub.umich.edu/giving> to donate online.



Doris Ann created stamps commemorating each Gargoyle reunion

2010 Garg Staff (via Max Eddy)

David Faulkner is taking over as EIC with Jacob Rosen working as a lead editor. They're both extremely funny, but also levelheaded and imaginative. Jacob is fairly new to the staff, whereas David has been around for several years. I had the pleasure of working with David during the end of my tenure at the Garg; he's got some innovative ideas on how to make the Garg run better. Jacob has a similar passion, and is one of the strongest voices to come through the magazine in quite some time.

Nikita Desai is taking over as business manager, and is bringing in some great new ideas. She has a strong staff that will work to develop relationships with local businesses to bring in consistent advertising dollars.

Sam Nash is now sitting in the art editor's chair, keeping the high artistic standards that the magazine has enjoyed for some time now. She too has a large staff, ensuring that the Garg will have great artists well into the future.



GargAlum Featured in Magazine (via Bill Neuser, Editor '69)

Over breakfast I was skimming through the Wayne State School of Business magazine and for some reason dove deeper into a full page article about an "MBA Pioneer" Beverly McAninch. Along the way it mentioned that she received her undergrad from U of M "where she drummed up advertisers and wrote for Gargoyle, a student-run humor magazine." Since she passed away last year at age 81, she must have been on the staff in the late '40s.

Alum Has Photo Exhibition (via John Dobbertin)

Kudos to Larry Snider (Business Manager '60), who had a photography exhibition at Traverse City's Dennon Museum. The exhibit, "Photographs from Varanasi: India's Holiest City," ran from March 21 to July 1, 2010.

"Welcome GargAlums" Banner Recovered (via John Dobbertin)

The "Welcome Gargalums" banner we affixed to the balcony rail over the front door at 420 Maynard was recovered after

disappearing during our 100th anniversary celebrations. It is now residing somewhere in the building. Phil Zaret (Art Director '66) used to store it at his home and haul it out during reunions. We had it made for Garg's First Gathering in '93... so it is now an artifact!

No comment on whether the back side reads "M Club Supports You."

A Very Special Episode of "I'm in the Band"

The first Steve Jarczak (Editor '02) and Shawn Thomas written episode of Disney's *I'm in the Band* premiered Monday, November 1st. "HAPPY FUN METAL ROCK TIME" ran on the DisneyXD Channel (<http://disney.go.com/xd/imintheband>).

When Tripp books Iron Weasel on Japan's hottest music TV show, an unexpected detention on taping day puts the band's dream of a Japanese comeback tour in Jeopardy. Don't "miso" this episode!

If you don't get the DisneyXD channel you can purchase "I'm In The Band" episodes on iTunes. Presumably nearly all of the \$2.99 goes to the writers.

GargAlum 2009 Reunion Group Photo



By David Cornwell. Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library, site of the "Celebrating 100 Years of the Gargoyle" exhibit last fall.

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