

Sumo wrestling: what could be more fun?

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Serendipity: 1. an aptitude for making desirable discoveries by accident. 2. good fortune; luck. Obviously Webster has never been to Guilford College for this once-a-year event.

This definition says nothing about wild parties, fire alarms and puke in the stairwells. It doesn't even mention jello or Biz Markie. And, most of all, it completely leaves out sumo wrestling.

What could be more fun than dressing up like a really fat man in a diaper and trying to knock down someone else dressed up like a really fat man in a diaper? "Watching people sumo wrestle each other was hilarious," stated Paul Binford, who didn't dare attempt the event himself, "especially the girls. I like to watch women wrestle."

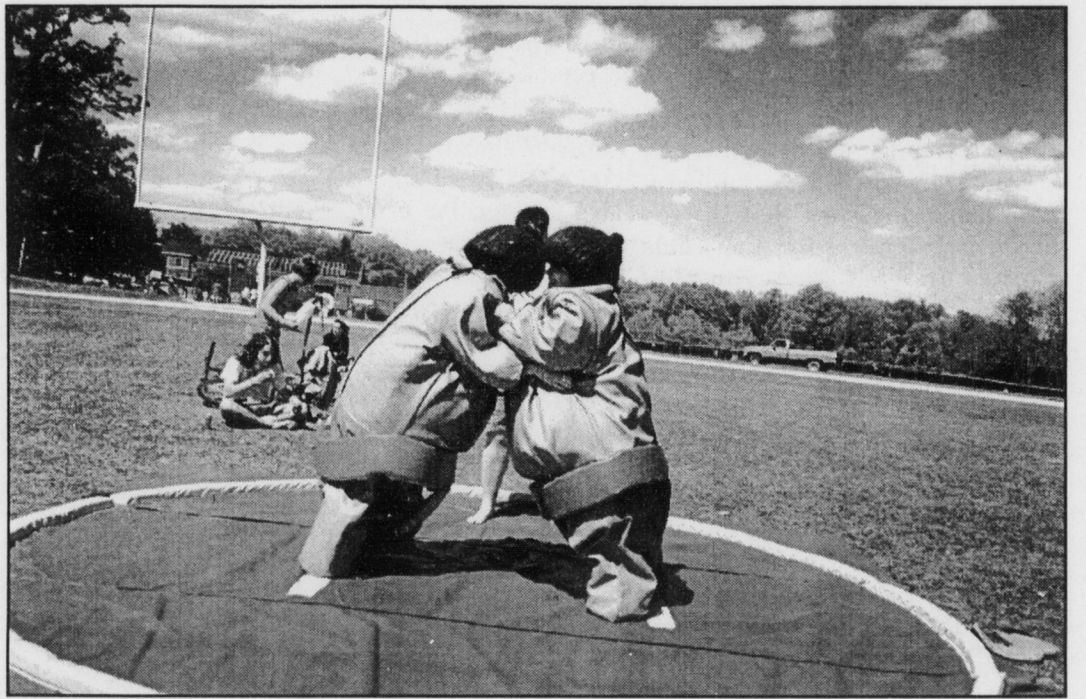
For those of you who missed out on this wonderful event, let me explain.

First, you have to find either a really good friend, or

someone you really hate. Next, both of you go to the ring and put on your sumo suits. This is the key part.

The suits are stuffed with some kind of foam padding and weigh somewhere around 50 pounds, and they're really hard to get on. Once you've got on your suit you definitely want to have your picture taken so later you can see how stupid you look as a fat man with tiny little legs in a diaper. And don't forget the padded hair-helmet complete with a sumo-bun. Now you're ready to fight.

You've got three chances to knock down your opponent, which means you also have three chances to jump on them once they're down. But be



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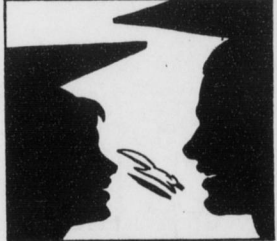
Hot, sweaty, and pushing people around...life is good.

careful, once you're down it becomes virtually impossible to get up. I wonder if real sumo wrestlers have this problem.

I feel really bad for all of you who missed the excitement. Hopefully you won't next year. I'd just like to say thank you to who ever in-

vented sumo wrestling, and give an extra thanks to the person who invented fake sumo wrestling. As a fellow sumo wrestler, Sarah Reese, put it, "Even though I got my ass kicked, it was still a lot of fun."

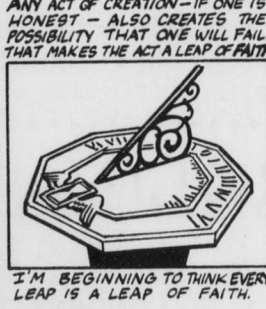
SOMETIMES I WONDER IF IT'S NO DIFFERENT IN OTHER FIELDS, IF IT'S JUST AS DIFFICULT, SAY, TO BE A PHILOSOPHER...



OR TO BE A TEACHER.
OR TO GET AN EDUCATION.



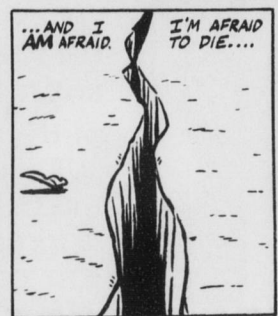
OR TO LOVE SOMEONE.
OR TO LOVE ONE'S LIFE KNOWING ONE DOES NOT GET TO KEEP IT.



ANY ACT OF CREATION—IF ONE IS HONEST—ALSO CREATES THE POSSIBILITY THAT ONE WILL FAIL. THAT MAKES THE ACT A LEAP OF FAITH.
I'M BEGINNING TO THINK EVERY LEAP IS A LEAP OF FAITH.



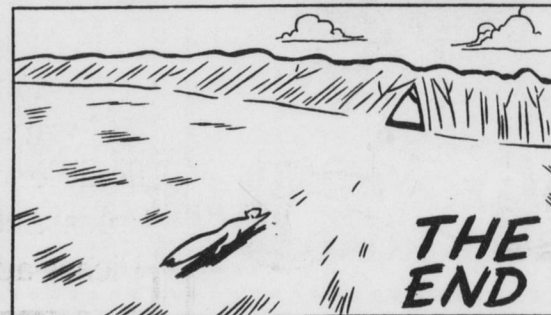
IT ISN'T EASY FOR ME. I'M NOT LIKE CHIP. HE DIDN'T NEED TO WORK AT HIS FAITH LIKE I DO.



...AND I AM AFRAID. I'M AFRAID TO DIE....



BUT I AM NOT AFRAID TO LIVE.



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