

artist gets into work

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Visiting assistant professor Melvin J. Barfinger was found yesterday buried up to his neck in manure on opening day of his exhibition at the IDA gallery.

The exhibition was designed to be a satire on the burgeoning environmental movement entitled, 'The Powers of Excrement.' Professor Barfinger was in the process of completing the one and only piece of the exhibit, a huge vat containing (among other items) 500 kilograms of liquid cow manure, when he accidentally fell in.

'When I fell in I was waist deep but the more I struggled to get to the edge of the vat the more I sunk,' a distraught Barfinger said today via telephone from his home. 'It was late at night and the fine arts building was empty, so no one was around to help,' Barfinger added. The professor spent the night trapped in the filth.

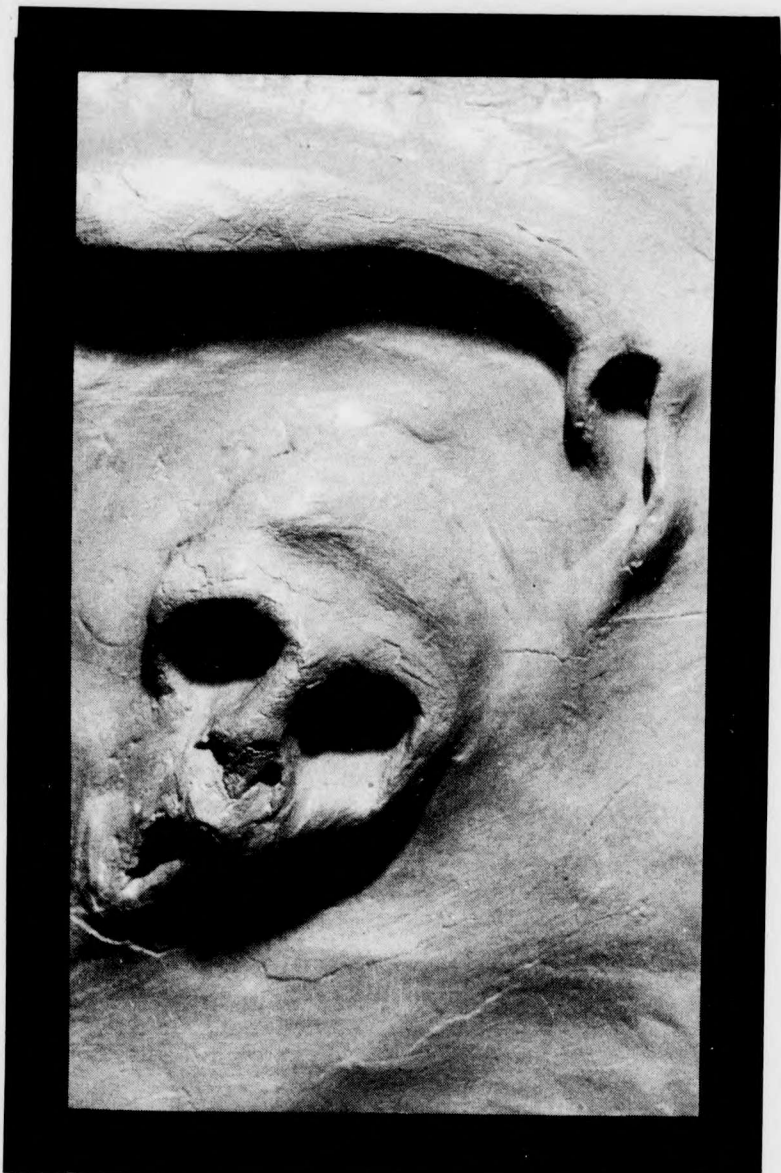
'The funny thing was that by morning when people started coming into the gallery they completely ignored my pleas for help. It seems they thought I was part of the exhibit.'

Interestingly at the time he fell in, Barfin-

ger was attempting to place a mannequin representing the provincial environment minister in the middle of the vat. A 'pelt me' sign on the sign was supposed to encourage patrons to throw rocks and garbage at the mannequin. It seems a group of students took some extra time off from class to take part in this unusual exhibit. 'A group of fourth year students, who know who they are, stayed around for quite some time to empty

the garbage can I had provided,' said Barfinger. 'When they ran out of trash in the gallery they went out and flagged down a passing garbage truck and brought in some more.'

Barfinger was finally rescued by the department Chairman who, alarmed by the smell, decided to investigate. Barfinger was treated for minor cuts and bruises at hospital, disinfected, then later released.



Visiting assistant professor Melvin J. Barfinger climbing out of his latest installation

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