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FOUND CONVERSATIONS

OVERHEARD IN THE CAFETERIA

1st man

So, is that the recipe from the Moose-Head book?

2nd man

No, but it's great if you're into vegetarian food.

1st man

Are you feeding Nathan vegetarian?

2nd man

For sure—you don't need meat. He's really healthy. So's your kid. They look healthy. Sometimes he shits 3 times a day; sometimes not at all. I can't figure it out.

1st man

Same with David. I'd like to work maybe 4 days a week so I could spend time with the baby. I couldn't work full time.

2nd man

Me neither.

1st man

I couldn't work shift work. It makes you crazy.

2nd man

I know.

1st man

My father worked shift work all his life. He's crazy.

2nd man

My father never worked shift work and he's crazy.

1st man

Maybe it's not the shift work then.

2nd man

But my father's Italian.

1st man

Ah!

2nd man

He's a Fascist, too.

1st man

That's very fashionable right now.

2nd man

Yeah, Margaret Thatcher and Reagan—they're nearly Fascist.

Right wing.

1st man

Yeah. If you're too far right: you're Fascist.

CAFETERIA II

Girl

So—I haven't seen you for a long time.

Boy

I've been working real hard this semester.

Girl

Yeah, me too.

Boy

I'm finished for today, though. So what have you been doing?

Still drink as much?

Girl

I don't drink any more than you do.

Boy

You sure used to. Man, you could really put it away. Remember that time?...

Girl

Yeah, well you weren't in such great shape yourself that night.

Anyhow, I'm seeing this guy now.

Boy

What guy?

Girl

This sorta shrink; like, I don't smoke dope or nothing any more—just a coupla tokes but I'm not into it.

Boy

That's good. You should take better care. Like going with guys—I mean, you could say no. You get used, you know.

Girl

Not so much any more—I've been real busy. I mean, I've got a class now.

Boy

Do you have to go? I mean, is it important?

Girl

Yeah, I guess. . . . We don't have a test or anything.

Boy

Well, why don't you skip out? We could go to my place.

Girl

And do what?

Boy

Well, my roommate has a class and I've got some brew in the
fridge: we could do whatever we want.

Girl

How would we get there?

Boy

The bus—I've got lotsa change.