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To whom it may concern:

W.P. Norton (whose real first name, by the way, is Paul) is the only person I have ever met who I would say is destined to become a journalist. Never before have I encountered an individual who exuded such passionate enthusiasm for the tasks of news reporting.

A better-than-average writer and keen discerner of facts, Norton was a superb intern at Isthmus and continues to be a valued contributor. His stories have run the gamut from straight reporting about city events (including several that scooped the other local media) to flippanant musings about a massive convention of Dr. Who fans.

The editorial team at Isthmus--which includes myself and three other editors--have been extremely pleased with Norton's contributions. And all of us share the sense that his writing skills are improving in direct proportion to his devotion to his craft--which is to say, he may be unstoppable.

There is no doubt in my mind that any newspaper that gives W.P. Norton a chance to come on board and learn is making a supremely good investment--both for Mr. Norton and for itself. I advise you to consider his application highly.

Sincerely,



Bill Lueders
News Editor