

national environmental groups are now bona fide members of the establishment. Former staff members of the Sierra Club and almost every other national environmental group serve in the Clinton Administration, managing



virtual end to logging in the Northern Rockies. The national club's board responded that such support was contrary to club policy and threatened to remove the chapter's elected officers

second-tier bowl games or really cares about.

So, maybe it is a good people of Columbus have else to fuss over these days. 500-ton statue of Christopher Columbus that is 6 feet taller than the of Liberty be put near the Scioto River, not far from the size replica of the Santa Maria the other monuments already dedicated to the man and the myth.

The 311-foot statue, nicknamed Chris Kong, was built by a pro-sculptor in Moscow, Zurab K. Teli, as a token of friendship between Russia and the United States. says, he has not yet managed it away to the people of Columbus. Several cities and citizen's groups in Florida turned him down even Dade County businessman \$500,000 trying to persuade him to build the monument was good for pride and profit.

Now, a group of citizens here to bring the bronze statue to heartland city, the largest country named after Christopher Columbus. If it ever arrives, it will be a chapter in an international of unrequited love, politics, money with a cast that includes fallen world leaders, fasting strators and a blind masseuse vision.

#### No One Willing to Spend

The Mayor, Greg Lashut, his city has other pressing needs and will not spend a penny on the statue. Mr. Tsereteli says he does not want any payment for his work — merchandising and licensing. But shipping and assembling the statue in Columbus would cost \$25 million. The Governor, George V. Voinovich, likes the idea but also says no state money is available. That leaves the citizens, including a winery owner, a Columbus buff, an investment banker and the civic-minded Karen Hadley, to try to raise the money for the statue.

Ms. Hadley heard about the statue last winter and told everyone she knew what a great tourist attraction it would be with, maybe, a restaurant and gift shop to go along.

"Karen has more vision than most people with 20/20 eyesight," says Jane Butler, the president of the citizens' group, the New World Foundation. "She was able to see into the future."

#### Help for Skyline

For the group, the statue is a chance to put the city and its skyline on the map. The statue would be three stories shorter than the tallest building, the 34-story office tower, and, group members insist, it would rival Seattle's Space Needle, the Arch in St. Louis, the Eiffel Tower and, of course, the Statue of Liberty.

"A statue like this comes once every 100 years," says Joe Frasca, a member of the group. "Now, we're going to be putting a football and the statue. If we win the Rose Bowl, we'll put a football jersey on it."

But for others here, the statue is a disgrace, a blow to American pride and a sure bet to put Columbus on the map.

A young **Croat** says Goodbye.

A **Serbian** village has seen no bread.

A **Muslim** woman lies bleeding.

War, it seems, isn't about who's right.

The horror: it's only about **who's left**.



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