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Blood drive to be held next week

By Maria Iaquinto

Beaver College's bi-annual blood drive will be held on Wednesday, November 9th and Thursday, November 10th in the Kuch Center aerobics room.

The drive will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday and from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday.

"I'm looking forward to a really good one this time," said Joan Slotter, Assistant Dean of Students. "I definitely think this [blood drive] will be successful. We have a lot of repeat donors."

Beaver College had a blood drive during the summer for the faculty and staff to donate, said Slotter.

The last time students participated in a blood drive was last spring.

But that blood drive was held off campus at the nearby Glenside Elementary School because of the strike on campus.

Slotter said the first day went well, but the second day was miserable. The American Red Cross had reduced Beaver's goal number because of the location of the blood drive.

"The first day I was really encouraged; we were very close to achieving our goal," she said. "But we were really disappointed at the turnout for the second day."

Slotter said the reason was probably because whoever wanted to donate did so on the first day. She also said the fact that it was off-site really hindered the turnout.

The American Red

Cross determines the goal number by looking at the number of people in the Beaver College Community, then they decide how much can be donated.

"Since we have been so successful in the past, [the Red Cross] can hike up the number a little bit and make it more of a challenge for us," Slotter said.

The goal for this semester's blood drive is 180 units, each person donating one unit. As long as 180 people walk through the door and attempt a donation, that moves the college toward its goal.

Even if someone is deferred for some reason, such as: high blood pressure, low iron count, or a slight temperature, that

unit is counted, said Slotter.

"To me, the most important thing is, for every unit we collect, we can help five different people," Slotter said.

The need for blood donations is great, said Slotter. And we don't have to look far to see how our donations can be used.

For at least one person on Beaver College's campus, the need for blood donations has hit home.

His name is Adam Hyman.

He is a junior, here at Beaver.

In the Fall of '93, Adam had intestinal surgery, which resulted in his needing and using 70-75 units of blood, said Slotter.

Slotter said he has

recently undergone another surgical procedure, which did not require any blood.

"In just his one surgery, he used almost half of what our goal is," said Slotter.

Sign-ups were held last week. "Buddy blood drop" (aka Joanie Slotter) was seen around campus recruiting volunteers.

"It is our preference that people sign up and get an assigned time," said Slotter. "We welcome walk-ins, but without an appointment you'll have to wait."

If you haven't signed up already, you can contact the Student Affairs Office at X2933 or Mark Curchack at X2947 to make an appointment.

New phone system installed on campus

By Kellie D. Jablon

Meeting the needs of the Beaver College community was the biggest concern when Douglas R. Hill, Assistant Treasurer, decided to try to provide all students, professors and administrative with telephone service.

"I have been involved since the beginning when two years ago the college upgraded the campus wide telephone system and at that time we rewired the dorms and put together student phone service in all rooms," he said.

Before the changes in the phone system, students received their phone lines though a lottery and not everyone received a phone line, he said.

Students in Heinz were at a lost because they would have to use pay phones to make all calls, Hill said.

This is what prompted the college to upgrade the telephone service, he said.

"All administrative lines were maxed out because the old switchboard could not add new lines," he said.

When the Kuch Center was built, we struggled to provide phone service to them because there was not enough lines, he said.

The old phone system allowed no room for adding phone lines and this made it impossible to move the campus into the future, he said.

With the new phone system, all students can have a basic level of service which was not possible before due to the adding of extension numbers for all dorm rooms and telephones on campus, said Hill.

Local calling is

currently billed at Bell rates and long distance is billed at ten percent off MCI's residential rates, he said.

Other current changes include "switching the long distance company to MCI and selecting an independent company, STC as the billing company," he said.

STC handles all billing accounts for both the students and the campus community, he said.

"In the summer it was very confusing because of the dialing instructions and I apologize for making last minute changes," he said.

In addition, he has established a room-based charge for those in a room who choose to have phone service. These students can each have their own pin number and individual bill, he said.

Working closely with SGO, Hill plans to reconsider the \$65 telephone installation rate that students in single rooms pay, he said.

Last year, the college looked at several carriers and choose to go with Sprint, he said.

The phone system had to be upgraded again, because a great deal of international traffic to foreign offices this past year," Hill added.

Giving Sprint a chance to rebound, MCI was chosen because of their ability to handle long distance rates, he said.

"It was purely a rate decision...[and] it was not a simple decision a lot of factors were involved," said Hill.

In trying to address the whole package, the college looked at MCI for their ability to handle data traffic and their low

competitive rates, Hill said.

"We are also looking towards the future with having interactive

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Editorial

The Tower staff has been stressing that we want you to voice your opinions about what you like and don't like about the Tower.

So far, however, we have only been getting complaints.

No one ever said we were perfect. We aren't!

But we also aren't machines.

We have to go to classes, just like everyone else and we make mistakes like everyone else too.

If people think they can do better, then I challenge them to do so.

We are a small staff doing the job of many. The reason is that no one wants

to get involved.

But these same people are the first to complain.

We work to put this newspaper together for you. We try the best we can to find information that we think will be of interest to the people on campus.

But the few people we have can't be everywhere all the time.

Most schools have a separate layout and graphic design staff. We don't!

All the layout is done by two or three people. This year, we don't even have a copy editor.

A copy editor is a very important person

because he/she checks for all the spelling and grammatical errors.

Without such a person, I have to do this work myself on top of the work I am responsible for.

There are just not enough hours in the day or people to do the job.

If people saw the amount of work we put into this newspaper and everything that is involved with it, maybe they would think twice about complaining so often.

I am not making excuses. We want to put out a good newspaper. That is why we are trying some new things.

Working with a newspaper would be great for those interested in writing, photography, art, or just working with their hands.

You can learn a lot of great skills, even if you don't want to go into journalism. Most of our staff doesn't!

All I am saying is before you make a complaint about the quality of the Tower, think about how many people (keeping in mind that one editor wrote five articles in one issue) are doing the job that is usually completed by dozens!

Dear Lane

Dear Lane,

I'm writing about my roommate whom I'm really worried about. She is totally preoccupied with her appearance. I think she makes herself throw up every time she eats something.

Yesterday I actually caught her in the bathroom vomiting. When I asked her about what she was doing, she became hysterical crying and then made me promise not to tell anyone. I'm not sure what I should do.

Signed,
"grossed out"

Dear "Grossed,"

It sounds like your roommate has bulimia which is an eating disorder characterized by purging (vomiting, laxatives, excessive exercise, etc.) to get rid of the food one has just eaten. The purging behavior can range from being an occasional occurrence to totally consuming a person's time and energy. Usually, bulimia starts as an attempt to control weight but can spiral into a situation in which the person feels disgusted, out of control, and helpless. Once the binge-purge cycle becomes a pattern, it can interfere with activities, relationships, and result in permanent physical damage.

So you are right to be concerned. The best thing you can do is to be honest with your roommate about your worries. Don't buy into her denial that "nothing is wrong." Let her know you think she has a problem and that you think she should get help. The good news is that it sounds like your roommate is upset too, as evidenced by her reaction when you caught her vomiting. Once a person admits they have a problem, this is the first step in getting help!

If you have a concern or problem you would like addressed in this column, you can write to "Dear Lane" c/o Dr. Lane Neubauer, Beaver College Counseling Center, Ground floor, Heinz Hall.

Perspectives from the shorter side

by Jennifer Driscoll

Is it just me or has anyone else noticed how fast this semester is going? I can't believe it. Well maybe I can. They say the older you get, the quicker time goes by. Now if I can only finish this semester without my hair turning a different color, I'll be in business.

Mr. Beaver Weekend 1994. I trust everyone had a real swinging time. I know I did. I thought all of the contestants were very good this year and even though my hall came in second, I can concede that Chris Coia did a very nice job as Danny Zucco. Was it my imagination or was the dance that came after Mr. Beaver seemed more packed than normally? I mean for a Beaver dance it

was kickin. I was pretty amazed. Now if we could get all those people to work for the Tower.....

As a resident here on our illustrious campus, is it just me or has anyone else noticed that if you decide to use the bathroom on the weekend you have to deal with two things: (this is my biggest pet peeve), when the men use the bathroom on my hall a) do not lift the seat or b) lift the seat and when they are finished don't put it back down.

I know this seems pretty silly to raise. I don't know about you folks, but I feel that shouldn't have to put the seat down when I have to use the bathroom. I mean I am not at home where I have to put up with my brother. Since I do live on a floor that it is all girls, I feel that I

shouldn't even have to raise this issue. I don't mind if men use women's bathrooms. We are all adults, but I think that as adults these boys should use a little common courtesy.

Well, pretty soon David Caruso will be no longer a part of NYPD Blue. What a shame, because as Detective John Kelly he did a nice job of brightening up the scenery of New York city, if you catch my drift.

Does anyone understand why we, as residents of the United States, would even care that that ugly mutt of a Prince would cheat on his lovely wife Princess Diana? Come on, we have better things to concern ourselves with, like how O.J.'s is going to escape the chair.

The X Files. Is

anyone watching this great show? Not only is the leading man, Moulder, incredibly cute, but this show is actually entertaining. What a nice concept, if only Moulder would wear speedos more often....

Nothing interesting happened on Melrose Place. Though I do wish sometimes that I was Amanda. She does get to kiss all those great guys. Billy, Jake, Jack Wagner. Will the list ever end? Must be nice. Oh, well, a consolation thought just hit me, Amanda may have the boys of Melrose, but the women of Beaver have something a little more fun--Beaver Boys! Oh, well, till next time.

Letter to the Editor

I recently received the following letter from someone who obviously had a very positive experience with two of our students. The letter reads as follows:

"Dear Dean: I would like to express my thanks to the two female students who helped me and were so kind on Friday afternoon, October 7, 1994 about 4 o'clock on Rt. 73 when I was involved in an automobile accident. I will

be eternally grateful for their kindness and moral support shown me during this trying time. Sincerely, Lydia Kalstein"

This woman obviously feels strongly about her experience. Even though I do not know who helped this woman, the students who were involved are two of the many reasons why I feel this College is such a wonderful place to work--thanks to students who go

out of their way to care about others.

Sincerely,
Janet E. Walbert
Dean of Students

If anyone would like to write a letter to the Editor, you can send it through intercampus mail c/o The Tower.

*The Tower reserves the right to refrain from publishing anything that is libelous.

Danish students visit Beaver, take in sights

by Mike Davis

Students from a business school in Denmark arrived on Beaver College Campus on October 8th to begin a two-week tour of American businesses, monuments, and cultural centers.

The Danes were hosted by Beaver students who agreed to provide them with a place to sleep, a campus tour, and some friendly conversation.

Among the highlights of the Danes' trip were several excursions to New York City and one to Washington D.C.

Students visited the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, and the Washington Monument, as well as seeing a Broadway show and stopping by Planet Hollywood in New York as President Clinton passed through the city.

The Danes also toured the historical section of Philadelphia and managed to do some shopping at the King of Prussia Plaza and other area malls.

Almost all of the Danes seemed to be greatly enjoying their stay. Several of the students said they found their hosts and Beaver students in general

to be very friendly and helpful, and expressed regrets that they could not stay longer.

Many of the students were also willing to share information about their homeland. Carsten "Mo" Ellemo explained why the Danes were so eager to shop in America. He said that a pair of Levis jeans, which costs \$30 to \$35 dollars in America costs \$100 in Denmark.

He was also disgusted with the conditions in New York City. Most of the Danes claimed that New York was just as they had expected--a city of wealth and poverty, dirt and crime.

Seeing homeless people was a shock to many of the students. In Denmark the tax rate is approximately 49%. The government makes sure no one goes without food or shelter. It even pays students to go to college (in most cases several hundred dollars a month), while providing the education for free.

Mo and several of the other students vowed to return to America one day, this time bringing girlfriends, boyfriends, and family along for the trip.

Student spotlight:

Mary Anne Creighton

By Kellie D. Jablon and Maria Iaquinto

Mary Anne Creighton, a senior, spends her nights cracking the books and her days as the captain of the Beaver College Tennis Team.

She is working hard to graduate this May with a degree in both biology and mathematics.

Mary Anne said being the captain of the team has been "the best experience in school because I became close to a lot of people and enjoy working with them as a team to accomplish a goal."

Mary Anne has also met some of her best friends by becoming a member of the team, she said.

As the captain of the tennis team, she

practices about an hour and a half per day and about two to three hours for tennis matches, she said.

Tom McGovern, the ladies' tennis coach, said "In all my years of coaching, she most exemplifies a team player."

This is McGovern's first year at Beaver. Previously he was the tennis coach at Community College of Philadelphia.

"Words cannot describe her," he said.

There was a time when they had to recruit new players and McGovern couldn't make it, but "Mary Anne was there," he said.

When a teammate hurt her back and needed to be taken to the hospital, "Mary Anne was there," he said.

And when right before a tournament, one of her teammates needed extra

New literary club formed on campus

by Mike Davis

"ASMO" is the name of the newest club on the Beaver College campus, a small but growing organization dedicated to raising awareness of literature among Beaver students, as well as providing guest speakers, creative writing workshops, and publishing students' work.

The word "ASMO" is an acronym specifically constructed to be open to a wide variety of interpretations.

The club's main goal is to create a regular publication for Beaver students to express themselves through writing in. The club is open to anyone with an interest in literature, creative writing, or theater.

The club is sponsored by Dr. Richard Wertime of the English department and is presided over by Brian Longaker, a student with three majors who is technically a senior but will be a familiar sight around campus for the next two to three years.



The new literary club officers hope to spark students' interest.

Thus far the club has adopted a set of bylaws, elected officers, and discussed ideas for implementation when some sort of funding arrives. Because the club began early this fall, funding from the College is not available this semester.

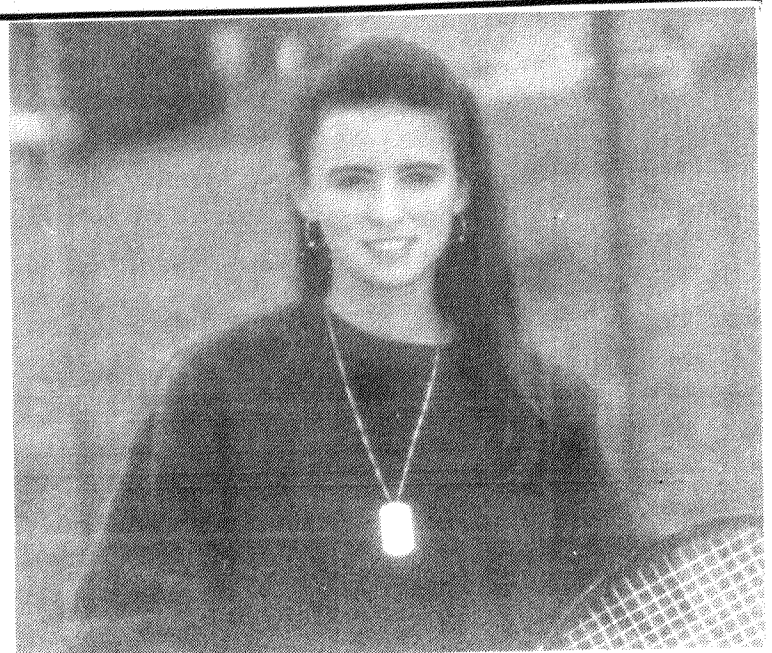
Ideas discussed by the club include poetry readings, inviting literary figures to Beaver as guest speakers, producing one-act plays, poetry slams, writing workshops, and of course providing a medium for students who wish to

publish some of their work, from poetry to short stories to essays.

Longaker has encouraged members of the club and Beaver College in general to "come, bring some ideas, and make it happen."

ASMO is open to any member of the Beaver College Community. Anyone who would like more information should contact Brian Longaker or Jeff Loo in the learning resource center.

Mary Anne Creighton is a team player on and off the court.



tutoring to pass a test, "Mary Anne was there" to help her so she could play, he said.

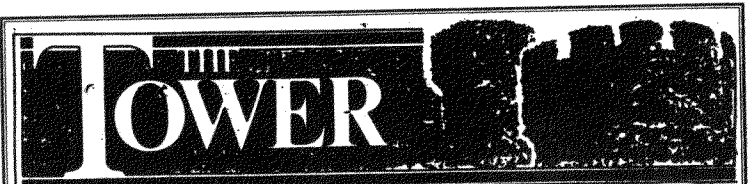
She is a team player on the court as well. "Her play is exemplary," said McGovern.

He said she has a 6 and 2 record as a singles player, playing the number one lady at each college. She also reached the semifinals as a number one singles player.

"She is the best team player you can have," McGovern said.

Mary Anne is also a math tutor, which has become another rewarding experience for her because she "likes helping people out because it reinforces the skills that I have already learned in my classes, she said.

Mary Anne also became an Orientation Leader her sophomore year because it was something



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'Lovers and Madmen' is success

by Michelle Maier

The highlight of this year's Family Weekend was the Survivor Productions performance of "Lovers and Madmen." This show was a blending of some of Shakespeare's finest love and fight scenes.

The Castle was the perfect setting for this performance. With strains of medieval music playing in the background, students

and their families packed the seats arranged on the main floor and stood around the balconies on the first and second floors for the Saturday evening show.

The cast of this "action and adventure" performance consisted of only three individuals, and they enthralled the audience. They performed scenes from six of Shakespeare's works:

Hamlet, Two Noble Kinsmen, The Taming of the Shrew, Henry IV, Much Ado About Nothing and King Lear.

No scenery was used for the stunning period. Costumes worn by the actors and actress conveyed a sense of time that was only enhanced by the surroundings and background of the main hall of the Castle.

Perhaps the most exciting parts of the show were the sword fights. The audience was warned prior to the beginning of the show not to get up and move around during the performance, for the actors had real swords, and, in the words of the director, he wanted to "be invited back next year" for another performance.

It has been said that to truly understand the

works of William Shakespeare, they must be experienced on stage, not read. Survivor Productions did a fantastic job of bringing these masterpieces to life for the audience.

Since the members of the standing-room only audience followed the director's advice, it is hoped that Survivor Productions will return next year for an encore performance.

'Ghost Out' day was thought provoking

by Michelle Maier

Forty-eight people. That seems like such a small number, but for a campus the size of Beaver, it isn't. Forty-eight is the number of individuals who are killed in drunk driving crashes every day.

While this number has diminished substantially over the last five years, it is still 48 too many people that needlessly die every day. To make people aware of this statistic, SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) held "Ghost Out" day.

Forty-eight individuals "died" on Wednesday, Oct. 26. Every ten minutes over the course of the day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. an individual would go to the

Blue Lounge in Thomas/Dilworth Hall and have his/her face painted white. From the moment of their "death" there was to be no more communication with anyone.

Dressed in black and draped with a headstone stating time and cause of death on the front and a drunk driving statistic on the back, these 48 people could be seen roaming campus throughout the day.

"'Ghost Out' day cannot be done every year," said Betsy Barkus, SADD President and Founding Member of the Beaver chapter of SADD, "because it loses its shock value."

The purpose of the

event is to spark awareness and bring attention to just how big of an epidemic drunk driving has become.

Betsy said that the shock value of seeing such familiar faces silent and draped in black with white faces was a powerful part in getting the message across.

At 5 p.m. that evening, all 48 individuals who "died" over the course of the day met outside the Dining Hall. They lined up in pairs wearing their tombstones. Since the "dead" were familiar faces, it would put things into perspective for those who consider drinking and driving.

Not all of the 48 people who "died" were SADD members. The

"dead" came from all walks of campus life. Even one faculty member participated.

The "Ghost Out" coordinator was Amy Keely. Amy is a freshman member of SADD, and she put a tremendous amount of time and work into the planning of the day.

"SADD's purpose is to make everyone aware of the problems of drunk driving and through "Ghost Out" day, we did just that," said Betsy. The back of the tombstones that were worn by the "dead" will be hung up around campus to remind students, faculty and staff of the importance of those 48 people.

Every life is precious, and drinking and driving takes away a

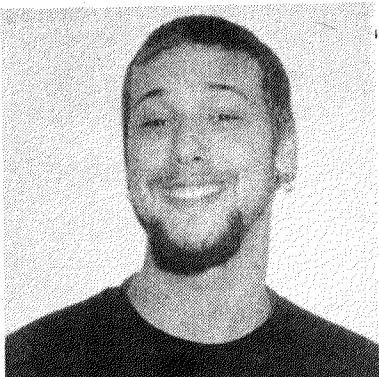
precious part of someone's life.

The individuals who participated in "Ghost Out" day were: Colleen Crumlish, Nick Vattiato, Steven Toth, Brian McIntire, Rachel Glaser, Belinda Giltner, Jenn Driscoll, Lauren Spearman, Tara Torello, Dr. Jon Church, Jen Mayersky, Sara Keener, Kristy Carr, Erin Keith, Mary Fox, Donald Lonnquist, Catrina Carney, Tracy O'Donnell, Marvin Bowe, Carey Fruman, Kristen Donahoo, Karla DeGrafft, Todd Knorr, Shelly Chvotzkin, Ilene Brehm, Jennifer Johnson, Tim Windfelder, Lynette Unavage, Brandi Fenstermacher, Lana Gombard, Carrie Chilson, Alicia Nixon, Jennifer

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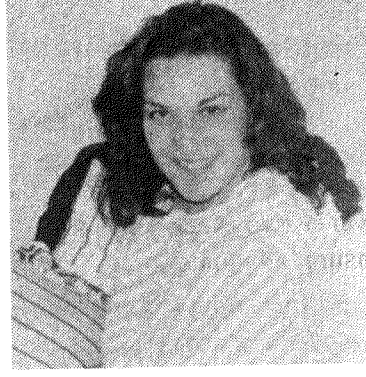
What are some improvements you would suggest for the cafeteria?



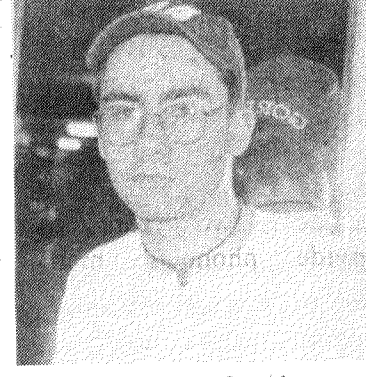
"They should definitely play some music while we eat. Hot food should be served HOT, and we should have bigger glasses so we don't have to keep getting refills."
Mike Blahut
Sophomore



"I would like to know the fat content of the foods they serve. They should put nutritional labels on things."
Lauren Spearman
Freshman



"They should have frozen yogurt for lunch and dinner."
Ilene Brehm
Freshman



"I think the cafeteria should have longer hours for people who work or have meetings or a class."
Jac Cottrell
Freshman



"They should have better breakfast foods. They serve the same things every day."
Tara Torello
Freshman

Entertainment

Poetry Corner

In the previous issue of the Tower, the last three lines of *Silent Assault* were left out. We apologize for this mistake and we have reprinted the poem in its entirety.

Silent Assault

by Karen J. Beaver

*It was a fearful night from the start
Tossing and turning from my
Nightmares of murder and blood.
Body cold and numb ripped from
My bed of horror by an alarming ring;
The voice broken and shrilled.
Wrinkled jeans and shirt, I fumbled with the keys.
I sped from the foggy country until I reached
The city cold and bare.
Fidgeting I sat and waited for her entry
Constantly checking my door;
I opened it to give it a better seal.
He came from nowhere his hand grabbing at my shirt,
His threatening arm prevented the door as a barrier.
Silent "helps" were all I could manage.
He threw me around like a doll,
His large bulky hands fumbled with my jeans;
Scared. . . petrified, my arms flailed, my body numb;
Grabbing at his throat, I opened my eyes
And hugged my poor teddy bear as the phone rang.*

So am I
by Maria Jaquinto

*Like a river,
Reaching, reaching,
Stretching its hands
To the ocean,
So am I.*

*Like a flower,
Growing, growing,
Trying to reach
The sky,
So am I.*

*Like a baby,
Crying, crying,
Waiting for someone
To answer,
So am I.*

Untitled

by Jennifer Driscoll

Rain, Rain beating down
I feel so much pain. Why?
No sun, only clouds.
My head is beginning to pound
I want to say goodbye
I can't, I won't
Don't leave me
I want you with me-Always
Rain, Rain
Wash away my pain.

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Poksay, Christa Cardullo, Corey Robinson, Tammy Hoffman, Kendra Sweigart, Megan Dorkowskie, Archie Christian, Alicia Knoll, Heather Reed, Heather Niedt, Maura Gleeson, Tom Henahan, Melissa DeLuca, Jessica Shapiro, Coree Wilhelm, Lanise Hill, Nicole Mozzillo, Betsy Barkus, Nancy Lomas, Michelle Maier and Amy Keely.

Stay alive. Don't drink and drive. Forty-eight isn't just a statistic. It's a number that represents living, breathing individuals who perish needlessly daily due to someone else's carelessness.

Student spotlight

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interesting that she wanted to try, she said.

Mary Anne enjoyed meeting new people and becoming involved in the campus community through her OL experience, she said.

"I decided to come to Beaver because of the atmosphere here and I can feel like myself... [and] a part of a friendly community" she said.

At larger colleges, students walk past each other without saying "hello" and don't even see each other, she said.

Mary Anne graduated from Bishop McDevitt high school in

1991, where she played volleyball and was active in the theater.

"In my freshman year, I became interested in becoming a biology major after taking my biology core which turned out to be something that I liked," she said.

Mary Anne said after she graduates in May, she will look into graduate school at Beaver in the new Genetic Counseling master's degree program.

"I am also looking at other graduate schools to see what they have to offer," she said.

The two possible fields of graduate study

that she is looking into are genetic engineering and immunology.

Mary Anne is currently working on two projects. Her senior thesis, which she is currently doing research on under the supervision of Dr. Myra K. Jacobsen, Professor of Biology, is on the genetic inheritance and physiology involved in Crohns Disease and Ulcerative Colitis.

She is also involved in an independent study at University of Pennsylvania to figure out the relationship of mucosal t-cell involved in the disease.

Among the professors that have had an influence on Mary Anne are Dr. Wolf of the Math department whom Mary Anne said relates to students better than any other professor she has ever known.

"He is really there to help you and wants you to understand everything," she said.

Also, "Dr. Vomachka taught me what it is like to study and how to organize your notes... [and] because of this I have become a better student," she said.

"Dr. Schmidt in the English Department taught

me all of what is involved in becoming a teacher, which I think helps you become a better student," said Mary Anne.

Mary Anne's work ethic is a balance of spending time on subjects equally, she said.

She also said preparing how you study before studying is important because it saves time, she said.

Mary Anne also said that her family is even more important than school because they have been a great support for her.

"I am also very proud of my father for taking his first college class since high school," said Mary Anne

New Phone system

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classrooms and having other data applications on campus similar to the gateway to internet," he said.

The future plans underway include having a vendor provide cable television service, he said.

Also the college is trying to upgrade the phone mail system and hopes in

the next two years to provide phone mail capability to all students, he said.

Another problem that Hill is working on is students who have difficulty trying to place calls between 9 and 11 p.m., he said.

"Currently the college is having a traffic study dome for all calls

over a two week period to ensure adequate trunks to carry all calls," said Hill.

Local and long distance routing of all phone lines could be a problem or there could not be enough phone lines within the trunks to handle campus calling, he said.

"With 900 phones on campus, there are currently 88 trunks and the

college is straining to keep a balance between number of extensions and the number of trunks used," he said.

Disadvantages for students include the long pin number that students have to enter into the telephone each time that they call, he said.

Hill has put in a lot of overtime to ensure that

the needs of both the students and administration are met, concerning all changes in the phone system and he is excited about taking the college into the future with new telephone technology.

Planetary Outlooks

by Robin A. Welsh

Capricorn

(Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

Life is beginning to look up in your part of the world. Take advantage of all the opportunities waiting for you. Just like the leaves on the trees, your life is beginning to change.

Aquarius

(Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Good times are just around the corner. Keep your chin up and seek the support of friends. Life may appear difficult for now, but shortly you will be happy again.

Gemini

(May 21 - June 21)

You have allowed yourself to become stressed out. Stop worrying about every little thing because you are only hurting yourself. Take a deep breath each time you feel a panic attack coming on. You have a great life with a wonderful future, so enjoy it.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

You are beginning to prepare for the future. What do you really want to do with your life? In a short time, you will be part of the work force. Pick a career that you know will make you happy for years to come. Make yourself happy and don't just listen to what others have to say.

Pisces

(Feb. 19 - March 20)

Continue to strive for your goals. All of the hard work you exhibit today will be beneficial tomorrow. The stars consider success a guarantee for you. The bad days that you had in the past are gone. Only happy days are to follow.

Leo

(July 23 - Aug. 22)

There is a great deal of transition in your life lately. You feel like you are in a whirlwind. Remember you have a network of family and friends who are always there for you. Times change and we must all move on.

Aries

(March 21 - April 19)

You are a special person who needs to start thinking about yourself first. Stop listening to everyone's problems when you are just as miserable. Take a break from the pressures of life. Do something that you have always dreamt of doing.

Virgo

(Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

You are exceptionally happy lately. Everything is going great for you. You deserve these good times and there are many more in store for you. A friend could use some support, so lead that person in the right direction.

Sagittarius

(Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

A person whom you haven't seen in awhile will re-enter your life. This person will bring with him/her some news that will change your opinion of someone. Don't jump to conclusions, for there are two sides to every story.

Taurus

(April 20 - May 20)

You have met that special person and you are not as happy as you thought. The both of you do everything together, and your world is beginning to revolve around that person. No wonder you are not happy. You need your space so that you can continue to be your own person. Try going one day without seeing or talking to your special someone. Distance will make you both appreciate each other more.

Libra

(Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)

Some kind of disappointment is in store for you. A friend who you thought you could count on has betrayed you. Don't feel as though you lost something valuable because you haven't. You are better off without that one-sided friendship.

Scorpio

(Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)

Start spending more time with your family. They miss you and deep down you miss them also. Remember, friends come and go, but your family is forever. Good news is on its way so be prepared.

Turn it On, Turn it Up!

A review of R.E.M.'s Monster by Jennifer Carpenter

R.E.M. has finally climbed down off of their high horse and back to their roots with their new album, Monster. It's tracks carry a sound that is reminiscent of Document, Green, and the band's other earlier albums.

Simple chord progressions, distortion, and profound lyrics are a sure sign that R.E.M. has regressed back to their original "guitar band" sound - the same sound that gave them recognition

in the music industry.

To many hardcore R.E.M. fans, this change is for the better. To them, the spirit of R.E.M. had died with the onslaught of their pop hits, Radio Song, Shinny Happy People, and Losing My Religion.

I believe that the band's pop phase was just a successful tactic to increase their popularity and album sales. Now that they are an "established" band with a large following of fans, they may feel compelled

to record music that they enjoy, rather than music that pleases the media.

Already, two of its tracks have reached the top 40: Star 69, and What's The Frequency Kenneth?. These are my two favorite tracks out of the whole album.

The second track on the album, Crush With Eyeliner, is an interesting song about a woman, that uses colorful metaphors to describe her style; "/She's a sad potato/She's three miles of bad road/".

I don't sleep, I



dream, another one of my favorites, is dedicated to insomniacs with a hunger for passion (and java); "/Leave me to lay/touch me deep/I don't sleep, I dream/I'll settle for a cup of coffee/but you know what I need/".

Since I am not a big R.E.M. fan, their music doesn't quite touch

me as it does for their fans, but it is a successful attempt to capture their original sound as a band.

Here are my ratings according to their category:

For a party **
For relaxation **1/2
For Cruising *1/2
For thrashing *
Overall rating **

Key

* Poor
** O.K.
*** Pretty decent
**** Excellent!

Queen of Cups

by Elena

In the last issue, I stated that in every copy, I will address an esoteric concept, along with answering one or two questions sent in by you, my new readers.

TAROT

This week, I will provide some insight about the "fool" tarot card. The "fool" card is the beginning and the end of the twenty-two major arcana.

The major arcana express important issues in our lives, whereas the court cards represent people and events and the minor arcana indicate daily interactions, the ups and downs of living, if you will. So then, the major arcana hold more significance when they come out in a spread (card formats for readings.)

The "fool" equates to 0 and 1, correlates to the planet Pluto and is associated with the element fire.

What then does all of this mean?

0 is the beginning and the end, coming full circle. Have you heard the

cliche "What goes around comes around?" The fool is ready to take a journey. The fool is like us as children yearning to travel through life, seeking a path, wanting to understand, enthusiastic about the possibilities, about what lies before us.

The "fool" card shows a small boy standing on a cliff holding a bundle over his shoulder. He is accompanied by a little dog, jumping up, situated by his heel. There are clouds around his head, some light and a few darker. Is he prepared for this excursion?

0 is energy which is yet to manifest. 1 is the start of his quest. The planet Pluto is ruled by nuclear power. The particles must be put together in order to have a reaction. When together, the power is awesome. It can be used in healing, bringing about transformative measure or devastation.

The fool must understand that this thirst for knowledge and movement, like Pluto,

holds dramatic rewards and/or consequences.

How does the element fire lend itself to our "fool" card? When thinking about the element of fire, apply it to the five senses.

How does it feel, taste, look and move? What is your emotional response to fire? How does fire contribute to our lifestyle? (Hint: Winter is approaching.) Then, consider the other elements: water = cups = emotions and relationships; air = swords = conflict and in the intellectual realm. Then, we have earth = pentacles = money and practical matters.

The elements, or as they are called in the Kabbalah (Jewish mysticism), the "Four Worlds," and the relationships, are involved in all of life's processes. (I'll delve more into the four worlds at a later date.)

Let's come back to the "fool" preparing to go forth. How does the fool, like fire, make the decision to respond to his desires? Will the fool's choice

impact in an enlightening way on the life processes (the four worlds)?

The successful fool is not a fool at all in that he makes a decision. Based on the realities involved and in the view of the consequences to himself and others, the fool, when he forges ahead with little care for how his movement infringes on others, or the eventual outcome.

The fool can be like the infant that sees no further than their own hand. They are self-absorbed.

The more advanced fool can gather spiritual wisdom, forging through the hills, along the vast rivers, taking in the morning sun and coming to an acceptance about the thunder.

In summation, the "fool" card is a card of choice.

ASTROLOGY

Did you know that Mercury is retrograde until October 30, 1994? Also, Venus is retrograde until November 23, 1994. To

gain information about the effect on you, you must know what sign, house, and planet your Mercury and Venus fall into.

Example: If Mercury = the way people think, is in Libra = air element seek balance, is in the third house = communications, small trips, relationships with siblings and neighbors, your Libra sense of balance may be easily tipped in regard to your every day verbal exchanges.

Retrograde means that a planet appears to be going backward. This means that the planet, like Venus = love = relationships, may insist that you review the lessons needed to be learned. Sometimes, old loves reappear at this time.

To ask Elena questions, send them through intercampus mail c/o of the Tower.

Love is put out to the universe through me, and with your help as well. God bless.

Mr. Beaver Contest is a winner

by Michelle Maier

The annual Mr. Beaver contest was held on Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Stiteler Auditorium. Ten contestants entered the contest this year.

The themes this year ranged from the Brady Bunch to the Chippendales to the all-too-realistic Beaver Boy.

The format of the show consisted of entrance, swimwear, talent, and formalwear. Each contestant was escorted throughout the contest by a member of the hall who sponsored him.

A panel of five judges had the tough decision of choosing the 1994 Mr. Beaver.

It was a very close

race, but the title went to Chris Coia, who represented the Castle. Chris was Danny Zucco from Grease, and Donelle Crouse, his escort, was Sandy.

First runner-up went to Tom Henahan, who represented 3rd Dilworth. Tom proved that Elvis was definitely alive and rocking. He was escorted by Ilene Brehm, who portrayed his lovely wife Priscilla.

Second runner-up was Andy Graham, who represented 3rd North Heinz. Andy was Grandpa Simpson, and was escorted by Amy Keagy, who was his lovely nurse from the Springfield Nursing Home.



Mr. Beaver contest was close, but Chris Coia won for his portrayal of Danny Zucco from Grease.

Congratulations to all the contestants and the halls they represented. Congratulations also

to SPB, who sponsored the contest. A lot of work goes into the contest, both from the contestants and

their halls and from SPB. Everyone was truly a winner this year.

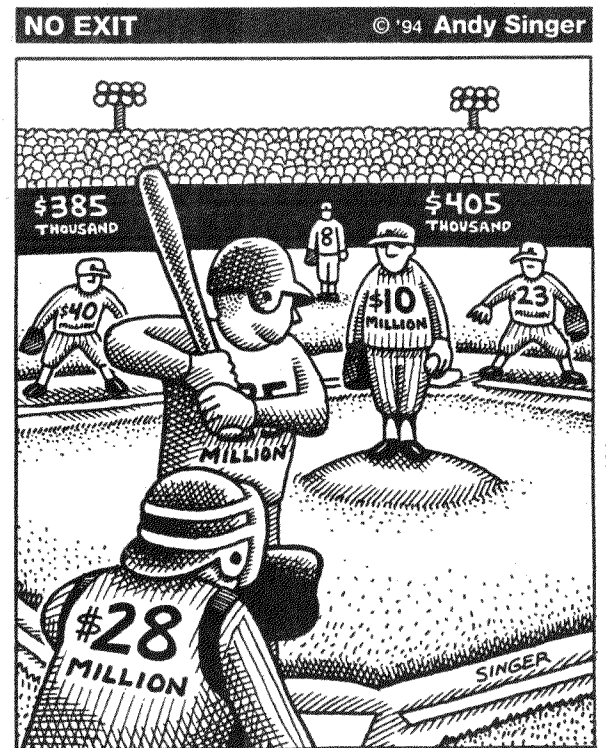
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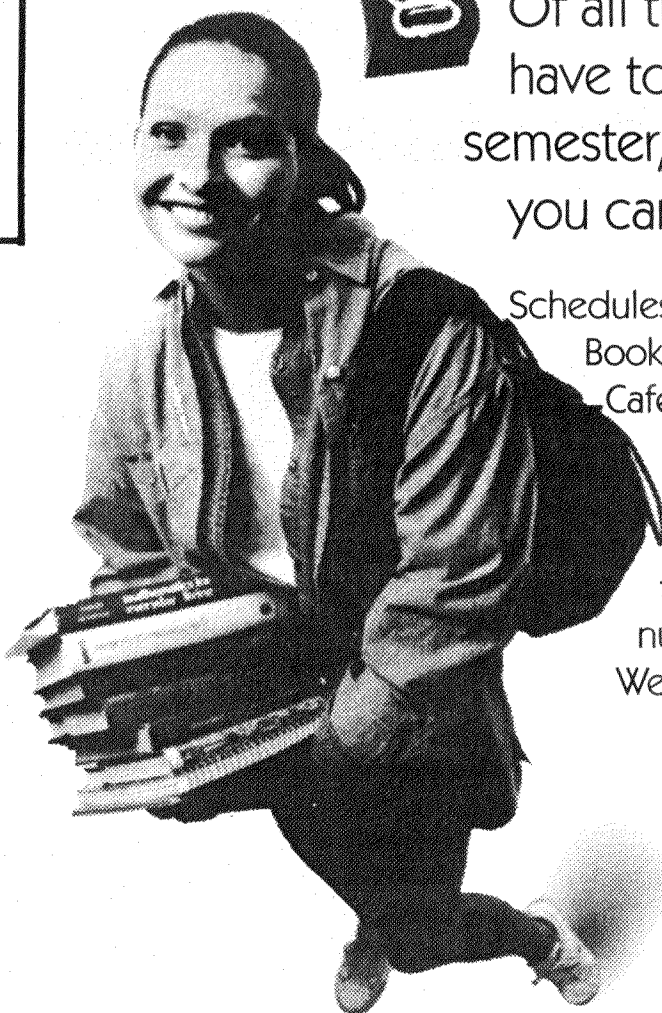
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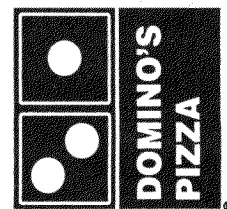
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