

The Tower

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A Towering Revival

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A revival is in the making--*The Tower* is back on the Beaver College campus. In the recent past, *The Tower*, originally known as *The Beaver News*, has not been a successful organization, but this year things are going to change.

Jami Rodriguez and Adam DeBaecke have headed the revival of the student paper and taken the lead as co-editors of this year's edition. As a team they hope to bring together a group of students with a common goal: to make *The Tower* the best paper this college has ever had.

The campus newspaper has a rich history. In the 30s and 40s *The Beaver News* was an award-winning college newspaper, rank-

ing among the best in the country.

There have been several noteworthy events to have graced the pages of *The Beaver News* and *The Tower*.

In October 1938, "the greatest American poet," Robert Frost read his poetry at a lecture which was sponsored and reported on by the paper. In November 1950, James A. Michener, author of the Pulitzer Prize winning "Tales of the South Pacific," made a similar visit to campus.

The Beaver News also invited several foreign diplomats over the years, including The Honorable Andre Philip, a former Minister of Finance in France in 1967.

A number of campus issues have also graced the pages of the student paper. In the 70s, Dr.

Barbara Nodine, currently the Chair of the Department of Psychology, voiced her opinion of abolishing the honor code here at Beaver College, which was a hot topic of debate for the institution during that decade.

Also in the 70s, Dr. Samuel Cameron, a Professor of Psychology, chaired the Curriculum Committee, which was responsible for redefining the academics of the College. This committee developed a more career oriented curriculum as opposed to the general liberal arts program that existed.

Strong opinions have been expressed about many national issues such as racism, war and abortion. More recently, *The*

Tower, as the paper has been titled since the Fall Semester of 1985, has focused more closely on campus issues. The parking situation and quality of food service have been issues covered by the paper frequently for years.

Since 1985, *The Tower* has attempted to focus on the Beaver College student. Several articles and photographs have spotlighted individual students for their academic, athletic and leadership accomplishments, and so on.

The new *Tower* will borrow from both of these philosophies of journalism, covering both campus and national news in order to contribute to the history of Beaver College.

Work Study Woes Felt Across Campus

Jami Rodriguez
Co-Editor-In-Chief

Are you one of the many students wondering where all of the work study guidelines came from? Does your allocation keep you under seven, six, or perhaps even fewer hours a week? Are you wondering how you are going to make ends meet throughout the semester now that you are limited in your earning potential? If so, you are not alone. Many of the returning students who qualify for work study are confused and worried about the new guidelines.

Work study is a federally mandated program allotting students to earn a certain amount of money as a part of their financial aid package. Due to past budgetary problems, Beaver College has changed many of the work study guidelines for this year. The largest changes include a cap on earnings as well as on department allocations. With more students qualifying for work study each year, the changes are creating some difficulty. Sixty-one percent of all full-time students at Beaver College have some amount of work

study. This allocation, determined by a Federal "formula", is based on the student's income, the parents'/guardians' income, number of family members in college, and the Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The amount allotted on a student's financial aid package for work study is the maximum a student can receive, and each department must budget their student workers.

According to Liz Rihl, the Associate Director of Enrollment Management and Director of Financial Aid, Beaver College paid out one million dollars in student wages during the 1997-98 school year. Only \$750,000 was budgeted, which put the college \$250,000 over budget. In the 1996-97 school year only \$600,000 was utilized. This year's target is \$800,000, with the state only funding \$155,625. The state is responsible for 25 percent of all work study, while colleges and universities are required to match that amount. Beaver College picks up the additional 50 percent.

Many students are concerned about work study and making ends meet. Sophomore

Christine Ungar stated, "I already had to drop my desk [sitting] job because I am a Mac Lab monitor for the graphics lab. I don't have enough work study to do both jobs. I'm even going to have to cut down my lab hours. Right now, I am scheduled for nine hours a week and I think I'll run out too quick." Another student said, "I'll probably have to quit my work study job and get a job off campus. The only problem is I don't have a car." Other students have similar concerns. Without the ability to work as many hours as they have in the past, several students feel that they will need supplemental funds.

There are some students who feel that work study is not worth the trouble. Meg Whitman, a senior, said, "I don't even bother to use my work study. The pay is like dirt. I can get an off campus job where I get paid much better and get 40% off anything I want to buy! Who wants CD's for Christmas?"

Students are not the only ones feeling the strain. Mimi Bassetti, Administrative Assistant in Student Affairs, expressed that

the most noticeable difference was having less work study students. According to Bassetti, Student Affairs lost about one third of their student workers. "We are a busy office, when it gets to crunch time I will really feel the difference."

Another department affected with the new work study guidelines is the Art Department. For example, the studios are having a hard time getting monitors. Studios such as the metals studio only have a few students to choose from, and they may not all qualify for work study or they may already have other campus jobs they are committed to.

The cap may seem harsh, but the truth is that most colleges cap work study. Some colleges never even give their students paychecks; they simply subtract their earnings right from their tuition bills. In this day and age when many students are paying their own way through school, work study is a blessing. To others, it is merely a curse because the guidelines force them to search out other means of income.

Editorial & Opinion

Clinton: Friend or Foe?

Sam Bennardo

Who cares about Bill Clinton? I certainly do not. This media circus has been going on way too long, and way too much money and attention have been spent on it.

The whole situation is ridiculous. The President is a womanizer. Have we not known this since day one?

What ever happened to the president being an icon of the country? Even if you do not like the President, you should still give him a certain amount of respect, at least until he is out of office. Then, after he has served his term, everything can come out. Just like it has in the past.

Can Clinton possibly be running the country effectively with all this hanging over his head? I guess other than all this insanity he has been a relatively good president.

The President has had numerous affairs and lied under oath, not to mention seeking the attention of women in very untraditional ways. But what Clinton does in his personal life should stay

there. It is between him and his wife, no one else.

The fact that he lied is the main point now. He has denied being involved at all and then turned around and admitted to it. Can the President be trusted? He lied about having an affair, not about giving secret weapons to terrorists or something that severe. Who would not lie about his or her sex life? Should anyone's sex life be on display for the world to see?

Does anyone ever consider how stupid our country must appear to the rest of the world? I feel it is a sad statement that the American public has so much interest in who the President sleeps with. I hope this never happens again. I hope that the American public realizes how ridiculous and stupid we look as a nation.

I do not know if there is a solution. The whole thing has already been blown so out of proportion. What he did was not right, but he is certainly not the first man in history to have an affair and lie about it. He is stupid for getting into this whole mess, but he did what he did. Get over it!

America's Race Crisis in the Next Millennium

Gene Bazemore
Staff Writer

In less than two years, we will enter not only the 21st century, but also an entirely new millennium. A millennium where Caucasian people will become a minority for the first time since the foundation of the United States government--a government established upon the principal of racism. Here are some incidents involving race or acts of racism during the 1900's: Brown v. Board of Education, the massive number of macabre lynchings inflicted upon people of African decent, the Civil Rights Movement, and the eugenics movement. America has nonchalantly witnessed the Ku Klux Klan vehemently permeate its theory of hate into the American psyche, legislations to maintain the status quo--which affects African-

Americans in a negative way--and the American paparazzi that continues to desecrate the African-American race. We as a people--the American race, whether black or white--cannot allow America's historical vices to plague her throughout the duration of the 21st century.

With the birth of the next millennium, young America has the power to espouse a mentality and culture that previous generations deemed impossible: racial equality. To do this, the mental and moral exercising of those American citizens still suffering from racial-vertigo, those Americans still clutching to stereotypes and racial overtones, those Americans still believing in segregation, must take place. Not to mention the thorough abolishment of the KKK, the Human Betterment Foundation (HBF) and many other organizations that pro-

mote hate towards non-white skin tones. It is extremely overdue. Many people believe that American culture is one of virtue, happiness, and freedom (socially, politically, and/or economically). Although some of these myths might hold some truth, the experience with racism is also indeed a part of the American culture, which by no means can exist come tomorrow.

It was once believed that the United States of America was a nation where all races could come and unite with one another. Instead, it has become a nation of hate, injustice and corrupted morals, mainly due to the ubiquitous concept of racism. This nation, founded upon establishing and preserving liberty, finding and practicing self-government, was intended to benefit every man, woman, and child--regardless of race--who is a citizen of this socie-

ty. We, heirs to the present generation, have the power to put the race demons to rest permanently. This past June, an African-American male by the name of James Byrd, Jr. was brutally killed in Jasper, Texas. The three Caucasian men that murdered him, who share ties with the KKK, chained Byrd to the back of a pick-up truck, and dragged him for more than three miles, before setting him ablaze and decapitating him. The incident in Jasper, Texas this past summer was the last straw. Together, we must change society's thinking and perceptions, thus creating our own history and society--one completely better, and different from our ancestors. Racism must not rule the American society in the next millennium.

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Our College Castle

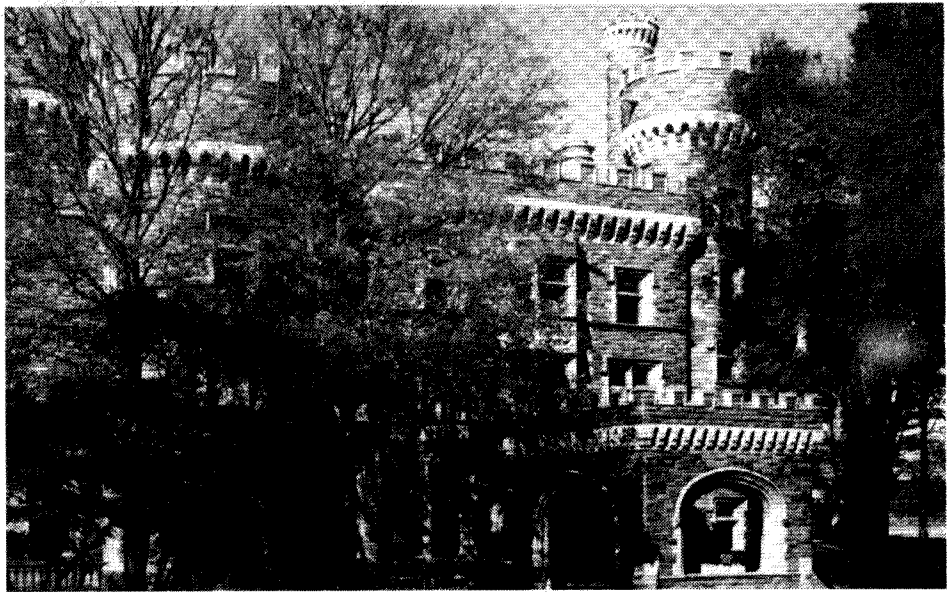
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Occasionally while walking around campus, one starts to wonder what it was like 100 years ago when Beaver College was just Grey Towers Castle, the home of William Welsh Harrison.

Harrison, a co-owner of the Franklin Sugar Refinery, bought this land in 1881. Another home, Rosedale Hall stood on the grounds before it was destroyed by fire in 1893. As a result of the blaze, Harrison hired Horace Trumbauer, a Philadelphia architect, to design a

new home in which he and his family could reside. For an estimated \$500,000, Trumbauer began to build Harrison's castle. His inspiration came from Alnwick Castle in England, making this house different from other properties in Glenside at the time. When construction was completed in 1898, Grey Towers was a castle fit for a king with forty-one rooms and lavish interiors. It was a technological marvel by turn of the century standards, including such things as an early cooling system.

When completed, Grey Towers Castle was an impressive



sight on both the outside and the inside. Only the finest materials were used in the construction of the home: French and Italian marble, Belgian glass and intricate tapestries. Trumbauer designed the many rooms using the French influence from the Renaissance to the age of Louis XV. The elegant Mirror Room was built in France before being shipped to Glenside. An artistic interpretation of the seasons is painted on the ceiling of this room. The sweeping red staircase is the focal point of the Great Hall. Underground tunnels connected Harrison's Castle with his servants' quarters and the gate-

house, neither of which still exist. The tunnels have been closed off for more than a decade.

In 1929, two years after Harrison died, his widow sold the property to Beaver College. When the college transferred all of its classes to this campus in 1962, it transformed Grey Towers into offices and student residences. In 1984, Grey Towers Castle became a National Historic Landmark. This year, the Beaver College community is celebrating the Castle's 100th birthday. Grey Towers Castle has remained a constant landmark in Glenside and the Beaver College community.

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Grammy Winner Visits Beaver

Toni Wiczorkowski
Staff Writer

What do McDonald's, Sears, and Hallmark all have in common? All three have had their advertising jingles sung by Barbara Bailey Hutchison.

Hutchison was brought back to Beaver College for the second time this past October by the Student Programming Board (SPB). Hutchison's career is not only based on performing at colleges. She has been named: Best Solo Act in the Country; Best Acoustic in the Country; 1998's Best Musical Act in a Club Venue and Coffeehouse Entertainer of the Year. Hutchison has also been nominated for three Grammy Awards and has won one. All three nominations were for children's lullabies that she had written. For her first two nominations Hutchison went up against *Beauty and the Beast*, and *The Lion King*. The third time she was nominated she beat *Pocahontas*.

Hutchison cannot be pegged down to playing any one type of music. She performs ballads and love songs and even includes audience participation. Songs from her most recent CD,

Reconcile, include *It's Love*, *Still Gonna Die*, *Paint the Sky Green*, and *Daughters of Feminists*. Hutchison's other CDs include: *Christmas*, *Edge of Wisdom*, *Portrait*, *Snuggle Up*, and *Little Sleepy Eyes*. The last two are her children's lullaby CDs.

Hutchison started her career of singing when she attended Michigan State University for art. During the first eight years of her singing career, Hutchison and her husband, Christopher, lived in a motor home that they would travel in to attend her different gigs. After a few years, they decided to downsize to a smaller motor home due to the expenses of gas for the 70,000 odd miles they would travel each year. The expenses kept piling up and they finally broke down and bought a log cabin outside of Nashville, where they reside now.

Bardd Dafydd, a Celtic Storyteller who also performs on college campuses said, "I first met Barbara 14 years ago when we were represented by the same booking agent. I never miss an opportunity to see her show. She is one of the best entertainers I have ever seen."

Cathryn Zanoni
Staff Writer

The year is 1998 and hate crimes and anti-gay violence still exist. Matthew Shepard, a University of Wyoming student who was also gay, fell victim to this violence on October 9th due to his sexual orientation. Shepard, lured from a college hang-out by two local men, was taken outside of Laramie, Wyo, tied to a fence, and was then savagely beaten with a pistol and left to die. He was discovered eight hours later. Shepard was taken to a nearby hospital where he died three days later. The nation was shocked by this tragedy, and vigils honoring his life were held on campuses and in communities across the country.

Beaver College held a candlelight vigil honoring the life of Matthew Shepard on Thursday, October 15th. It was also an opportunity for members of the college community to speak out against hate crime and anti-gay violence. The vigil was held by the Wishing Well and was sponsored by the ALLY Program.

The vigil began with Brian Watkins, Campus Life Coordinator, saying a few words about Shepard's murder, and was followed by an open forum for attendees. During this time, Dr.

Bette E. Landman, Dr. Jan Walbert and a number of other faculty and staff members, as well as a few students, took the chance to speak out about hope, wisdom and their experiences. Following this was a time set aside for moments of silence and remembrances. The vigil concluded with "Singing For Our Lives," which was sung by all, and closing remarks given by Watkins.

Barbara Bailey Hutchison's song "It's Love" was also scheduled to be a part of the vigil; however, due to technical difficulties, the song was unable to be played. The first verse of the song clearly expresses what many gays, lesbians and bisexuals feel:

*I read it in the news today
They're trying to pass a law to say
We don't have the right to love
Everyone the way we want
But who's to say what they believe
Is gonna be what's right for me
and you
Maybe they forgot
It's love, it's love we're speaking
of, it's love.*

The Tower is always looking for new members. If you are interested in writing, editing, photography or layout contact Adam or Jami at 572-2171.

Horoscopes

Sarah Nissen
Staff Writer

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Some people say you are what you eat. Others say you become what you love. Try not to listen to what people say for a few days (except for teachers and professors, of course). Listen to your heart and you might learn something very valuable.

Aquarius (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

Time flies when you are having fun, but always remember that you are the pilot. Don't fly off course or you may find yourself in a thunderstorm. Sunny skies are in your forecast.

Pisces (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)

Color outside the lines. Be creative, but be yourself. Think of the person you would someday like to be and work toward becoming that person.

Aries (Mar. 21 - Apr. 20)

It's as if your feathers are being ruffled, and you have no choice but to let them fall as they may. Now is the perfect opportunity to spread your wings and fly!

Taurus (Apr. 21 - May 21)

A famous person once said, "Doing beats stewing." It is usually good to listen to famous people. As your grades and attention span increase, you'll be on the fast track to a great G.P.A.

Gemini (May 22 - June 21)

Don't count your chickens before they hatch because things in life never turn out the way you plan. Go with the flow and be spontaneous. Try something new and invigorating.

Cancer (June 22 - July 23)

If the green light is flashing - GO! Don't let anyone stand in your way. However, always be sure to obey the traffic control devices. Those law-abiding police always catch you when you mess up.

Leo (July 24 - Aug. 23)

If someone calls you nutty, take it as a compliment. Nuts are part of a well-balanced diet--they are high in protein, and they taste good. Everybody loves a nut!

Virgo (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

You can't change what is already done, and you shouldn't live in the past. If you made a really big mistake, forgive yourself and move on. You probably have something more important to worry about.

Libra (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

There will always be a person who tries to tell you it can't be done. If you really believe in yourself, you can do anything. Leave that pessimist in the dust and keep thinking optimistically. Only optimism can turn the tide of bad times.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

LISTEN CAREFULLY. You must be a sponge and soak up as much information as you can surrounding an issue close to your heart. Even mini-revelations can provide critical information on how to deal with your troubles.

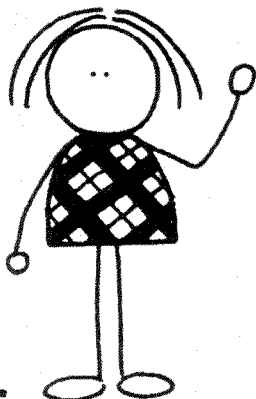
Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

If the shoe fits wear it. If it doesn't, fake it. A new role in life may leave you low in confidence, but your eagerness to succeed will grant you sure footing. Be responsible and energetic.

Personals

HELP! Does anyone live around Lebanon Valley College (or even E-town) or go by there on occasion? I desperately need a ride to see my boyfriend at LVC. Thank you! Liz X3279.

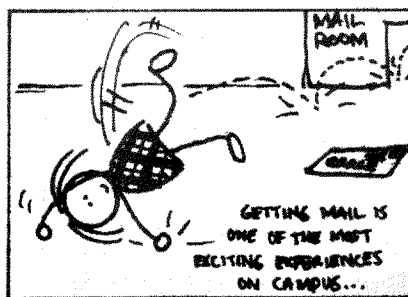
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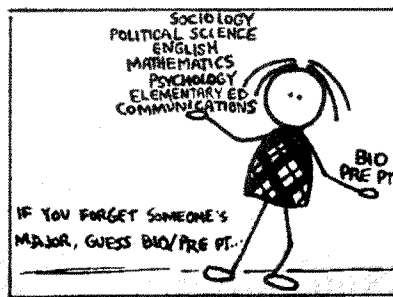
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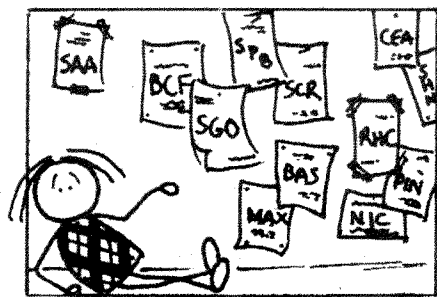
(EXCEPT OF COURSE AT ALL PROSPECTIVE STUDENT OPEN HOUSES...)



(AND IF IT'S A PACKAGE, WELL, YOU'LL BE THE ENVY OF YOUR MALL...)



(HEY, THERE'S A 50/50 CHANCE THAT IT'S RIGHT!)



(THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE IS TO LEARN BEAVER'S SPECIAL THREE-LETTER LANGUAGE...)

BY ABBEY RYAN

As the cookie crumbles

Joseph MacNeal

snap!
crumbs,
swipe...scoot!
slight orange twang
smooth outer hull
An iota of effort to
navigate the future to see..
- "Hey, what does it say?"
Reply- "Take control of your
destiny?"
"That's my motto!"

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New faces . . .
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A whole new taste.
You start to fit in
and make new friends
You think these friendships
Will never end
People grow up
and People die
People move away
and never say good-bye.
These are the people I admired
I wanted to follow their lead
to make a good impression
To be a good leader and succeed.
Even though these people
I'll never see again
I always will remember
that I had them as a friend.
To whomever is reading this
You should always remember
To thank those who helped you
get through your first semester.
And as you grow up
be a model for others
and never forget
To show your true colors
Because there is a person
trying to make it in a new place
New faces . . .
New people . . .
A whole new taste.

Q & A

How have the new work study guidelines affected you?

Tibor Torok
(junior)

"It sucks. I need the hours and the money. Money is important right now. On the positive side. . . I hate working on campus because the pay is too low."

Print Shop Wayne
(staff)

"It's a mess right now. But it is all I have to keep my department running. Most institutions this size have two or three full time people to run it's print shop, here it's just me and a handful of work study students, and they can only work about six hours a week on work study funds. OUCH!"

Don Trapolski
(fifth year senior)

"If they took all the money that they spent on Ken Starr's witch hunt, there would be a lot more money for us interns."