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The Napster Chronicles

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Napster. I am sure that for most of us, the very mention of this word stirs up some type of thoughts or ideas, such as Mp3's, trading music, CD burning and Shawn Fanning. Wait, I forgot about the Napster scandal. I know we have all heard of it, but do we really know what it's about? Do we know the story? Probably not in complete detail. I know that when I began researching this article, all I knew were popular rumors going around;

"Napster is going to be shut down", "We are going to have to pay a monthly fee." After reading up on the situation, I made some interesting discoveries. But first, here's the story, the real deal...

In December of 1999, during Napster's fourth month of operation, the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) filed a lawsuit against the file-sharing software maker, in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California. The suit charges Napster with "contributory and vicarious copyright infringement and related state laws." The

RIAA alleges that Napster, "a giant online pirate bazaar," enables and encourages millions of users to download and share millions of pirated files illegally. Napster denies all charges of piracy, claiming that the main goal of the company is to encourage exposure of lesser-known artists, and said further that the law is on their side. According to the interim CEO of Napster, Eileen Richardson, "The Digital Millennium Copyright Act says that it is not the Internet service provider's or AOL's or anybody's job to police what's out there on the Internet. If something is

infringing, then it's the responsibility of the person or thing being infringed to tell that person. And then it's their responsibility to take it down."

As if the current lawsuit from the RIAA were not enough, Dr. Dre and Metallica joined the suit in April of 2000, charging Napster with copyright infringement. Lars Ulrich of Metallica delivered a list of over 300,000 users who had downloaded his songs to Napster and requested that these users be denied access. Napster

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The Burden of Representative Democracy Americans deserve a fair, equal election system

Joe MacNeal
Staff Writer

This past presidential election highlighted serious flaws in the way we elect our representatives. Indeed, under the microscope of the nation, many election laws have proved to be inadequate under the scrutiny of the "Florida Recount." It is increasingly clear all citizens do not equally participate in elections. Reminiscent of the Jim Crow Era, this fact strikes at the heart of our trust in government and the legitimacy of our elected representatives. If our nation is to continue as a banner of democracy for the free world and maintain the trust of its people in the adequacy of the system, we must initiate the reforms necessary to secure the underbelly of our democratic process. Some important reforms include instituting universal voting methods and ending ex-offender disenfranchisement laws.

In Florida, twenty-four counties use a punch-card system, one uses a lever system, one uses a paper system and forty-one use optical scanners. This mish-mash of voting systems left an outrageous degree of likelihood a citizen's ballot

would not be counted when using a particular system - most notably - punch cards. Other systems were much more likely to record a citizen's choice for President. One does not need to interpret "dimples" or "chads" to mind read the "voter's intent" with an optical scanner.

Forty-three percent of the country continues to use a punch-card ballot system. However, the problems with various ballots, standards and a lack of tried and true recount procedure were much more serious in Florida where the election result hinged. There the manifest disparity of discarded votes between counties was simply unacceptable. Also unacceptable is the fact that many locations where the punch card systems were used happen to be areas with a high population of minorities, notably, African Americans.

The answer seems simple: Have the federal government create a nationwide, universal standard of voting. However, it won't be that easy.

Despite the Fourteenth Amendment's state-oriented "Equal Protection" guarantee and sweeping feder-

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Who's Who at Beaver

The 2001 Edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges will include the names of 16 students from Beaver College who have been selected as national outstanding campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

They join an elite group of students from more than 2,300 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations. Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934. Students named this year from Beaver College are:

Jennifer Lynne Bach	Amanda Boccard
Donelle Brotz	Nicole Cifuni
Thelma Curtis	Angela Davis
Lauren S. Gold	Latasha Goodman
Christopher Gorrell	Priya Mehta
Amber Miller	Rosemarie O'Brien
Amanda Schorle	Christopher Ubbens
	Christina Walck

Strange Reflections

Julie Strange
Staff Writer

I remember watching one Sex in the City (my favorite HBO series, but we don't get HBO here, HINT HINT!!!) that dealt with shining armor and knights. "Do women really just want to be rescued?" asked character, Carrie Bradshaw, sex columnist. It's a possibility, for me anyway. Just look at my fascination with Lois and Clark: The New Adventures of Superman! I wake up at 8 am every morning to watch and tape the show. Is it because it's something I have control over in this world of very little control? Is it the daily "fairy tale" that keeps me going, but at the same time reinforces that it can not ever happen? But wait just one minute! Why can't it? I want to be reasonable so I'm not crushed when the impossible never happens, but deep down I refuse to accept that it is only a make-believe fairy tale. Why can't I be rescued by a superman, fall madly in love with someone who is madly in love with me and live happily ever after? Why can't I?

Here is my theory: Because of human flaw. Because the story forgot to mention that Cinderella and Prince Charming couldn't pay the mortgage, that their sex isn't always mind blowing and someone forgot to say that part of producing an heir is morning sickness. Prince Charming has a slight temper and Cinderella's only marketable skill is cleaning chimneys. However, Fairy Godmother offers, for a small fee, to put a spell on your chimney so that it never gets dirty again! (But act now.)

Fairy tales conveniently forget to include things like the first time Cinderella and P.C. kissed, a mouse scurried across the floor and P.C.'s nose ended up in Cinderella's eye. Things are flawed. Humans are "human"- imperfect beings. Nothing is perfect. Not even the pen I wrote the original of this article with it; periodically produced air bubbles instead of ink and I had to re-write what it missed.

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Aurora's Off-Campus Events

Aurora Sanchez
Staff Writer

This month there are a lot of events going on in the Philadelphia area that can prove to be very interesting. Right now there are cultural options that can be explored by all.

At the National Museum of American Jewish History, 55 North Fifth Street, there is currently a showing of, *Still Home: The Jews of South Philadelphia*, by Photojournalist Harvey Finkle. If you are interested, the phone number is (215) 923-3812. It is showing through July 31st.

Intimate Worlds: Masterpieces of Indian Painting, from the Alvin O. Bellack Collection is showing at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, (215) 763 8100. It is a collection of watercolors. The show is running from March 2nd, through the 29th of April.



Campus Activities

- March 19** Musician Anthony Rapp
- March 20** Mathematics Graduate Colloquia
- March 21** Movie Viewing with PRIDE
- March 22** Day of Silence; Civility Symposium: "Living in Silence: Life in a Heterosexual World"
- March 23** Housing/Registration deposit due; Coffeehouse with Beth Wood
- March 24** Speaker Robyn Ochs "Labeling in the LGBT Community" and "Bisexuality"
- March 26** Business and Computer Technology Job Fair
- March 27** Liberal Arts and Social Services Job Fair; English Graduate Colloquia
- March 28** Psychic Fair
- March 30** Comedy Club meets Coffeehouse: Gordon and Phirm

If you are interested in artwork from Berlin before and after the fall of the wall, then *Beyond the Wall: 10 Artists from Berlin* may be of interest. The showing is at Brandywine Battlefield Park, in Chadds Ford, PA. (610) 459 3342.

For those who like to learn about the current state of society, *Exhibit of Ethnic Images* may be what you are looking for. The works are from Appel Collection on loan from Michigan State University. It is showing at the Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies. The show runs from March 16th through April 3rd.

For a change on a Friday or Saturday night, there is the option of going to the Franklin Institute and seeing a laser light show. The shows are themed and you can call for the theme of the week, (215) 448 1388. The shows start on the 27th of March.

Or perhaps you are interested in learning dance steps from Irish set dancing. There are nightly classes starting at 8pm and going until 10pm at the Cadbury Center located next to the Cherry Hill Mall, (856) 428 4546. There is a fee of \$5.

Sports

Baseball

- March 20 vs. Haverford @ 3 pm
- March 23 vs. Neumann @ 3 pm
- March 31 vs. College Misericordia @ 12 pm

Men's Tennis

- March 20 vs. Alvernia @ 3:30 pm
- March 22 vs. Allentown @ 3:30 pm
- March 25 vs. Kings @ 1 pm
- March 28 vs. Neumann @ 3:30 pm

Softball

- March 31 vs. Eastern @ 1 pm

Lacross

- March 24 vs. Widner @ 1 pm
- March 27 vs. Rosemont @ 4 pm
- March 29 vs. Immaculata @ 4:30 pm
- March 31 vs. Kean @ 1 pm



Meet The Staff

Erin Clancy is a history major with a minor in secondary education. She is from Lawrenceville, New Jersey and is excited about working on the paper. She enjoys singing and dancing, and loves just hanging out with her friends.

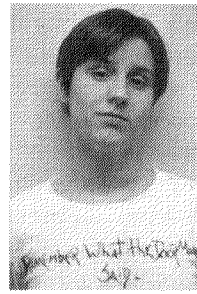
Jenny Ratnovsky is from Northeast, Philadelphia. She is a psychology major and a theatre minor who enjoys reading, learning karate, and just "hanging out" with friends during her free time.



Bill Dougherty is a Psychology and English major who is exceedingly charming and handsome. He works at a mental health facility and volunteers at Mauramiss Handicapped Riding and Driving facilities in his spare time.

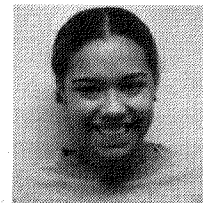
Christina Weber, originally from New Jersey, transferred to Beaver from Sweet Briar College in Virginia. She is an English major, and enjoys reading and writing, as well as the occasional game of golf.

Beaver Bob apologizes that he couldn't write an intro. He had writer's block.



Tori Yetter's info blurb was in last month's issue of *The Tower*.

Joseph MacNeal Jr. is a philosophy major. He has served the college community as a senator and committee chairperson on student government and as a member of PRIDE. He is currently an intern at the American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania and, accordingly, has a penchant for constitutional law and civil liberties. He cares deeply about securing the rights and liberties of minorities in a pluralistic society within our republican form of government. In his spare time, Joe enjoys listening to National Public Radio, exploring the Zagat Restaurant Guide and driving his little green Beetle.



Aurora Sanchez's info blurb was in the last issue of *The Tower*.

SPB Update

Erin Clancy
Staff Writer

The Student Programming Board here at Beaver College has been working hard this semester to entertain the student body, making available a variety of different activities every weekend. So far, SPB has shown movies such as *Meet the Parents*, *The Hurricane*, *Charlie's Angels*, and *Dirty Dancing*. A welcome back dance was held in the beginning of the semester, and more dances are to follow later in the semester. Meredith LeVande sang and played guitar to a group of students in the Chat at the end of January, and Maija and HAPPY brought laughs to the campus through SPB's Comedy Clubs. Other very successful events were game shows in which students were able to win prizes. The winner of the Think Fast game show held in the beginning of February walked away with a nice prize of two hundred dollars, after successfully out-thinking his competition after a few rounds of trivia. The winner of the Outcast game show is packing her bags and getting ready to head down to the Bahamas after somehow managing not to get "voted off the island" during the Survivor-like game.

SPB kicks things off again with a bang after spring break, including a Coffeehouse featuring Beth Wood, at 8 pm in the Chat, March 23. Come out and gamble away for big prizes at "Beava Las Vegas," Beaver College's Casino Night, starting at 8 pm in the Chat, March 30. Gordon and Phirm will be here for SPB's Comedy Club meets Coffeehouse, on March 3, also in the Chat at 8 pm. Movies for the rest of the semester include *Girlfight*, March 31 and April 1, *Bounce*, April 6, 7, and 8, and *Vertical Limit*, April 27 and 28.

Don't forget to keep in mind Spring Fling weekend! Kicking off the events on April 19 will be Lip Sync. Beaver Blitz is April 20, followed that evening by the Great Drive-In Movie, and Woodstock the next day. SPB is working hard to bring the best events and bands for that weekend, so keep it marked!

Countdown to Arcadia

Beth Graybill
Staff Writer

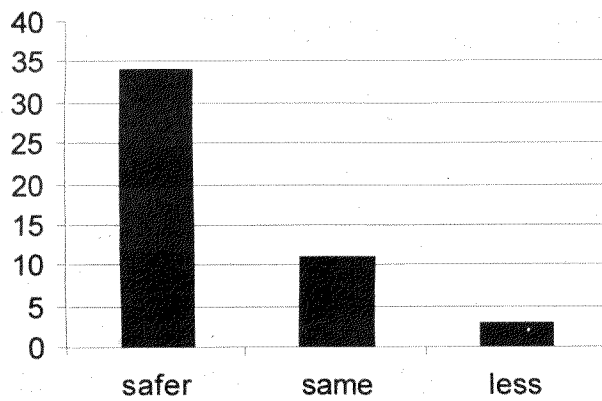
On Saturday April 7, please join the Beaver College Community in welcoming prospective students and their families to Countdown 2001. These accepted students will venture onto campus once again during Countdown before making their final college decision, so the impression is ours to make!

The day will start with a breakfast recognizing our Distinguished Scholar recipients followed by a midday luncheon celebration to recognize our Achievement Award recipients. In addition to the award celebrations, students will have the opportunity to learn more about campus life and study abroad opportunities by participating in classroom lectures, a Clubs and Activities fair, seminars on Financial Aid and Study Abroad, and a walking tour of campus.

If you would like to volunteer during Countdown to Arcadia, please contact the Enrollment Management Office x2910.

POV: Campus Safety

Do you think Beaver is safer or less safe than other campuses?



Christina Weber
Staff Writer

I have to admit my initial reaction to the safety incident that occurred here in the fall was one of irritation. I had just gotten out of a long night class, and only wanted to crawl into bed. The last thing on my mind was having a late-night chat about campus safety. But that night got me thinking about safety issues that had never occurred to me before.

Many of us grew up in suburbia, or in small towns where every head swivels when a stranger comes in. In other words, places where safety is something of a non-issue. So for us, the reality of living in a place like Beaver, which is so accessible to the criminals of the world is fairly foreign. It had never occurred to me until the parking lot incident that random strangers really could, and actually would, come right onto campus. Imagine the possibilities of that –

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access to the whole of the campus, acres and acres of unmonitored land, dark corners, and Beaver students so willing to hold the door for the guy behind us. If I were a serial rapist, a burglar, an ax murderer, or anyone even mildly sleazy, I would think that I had died and gone to heaven.

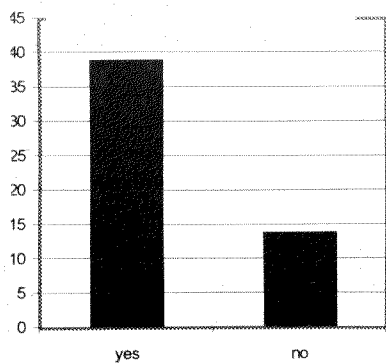
But what, really, can Beaver do about all this? Those of us who already groan about having to swipe in at 9 out of 10 doorways on campus would hardly be thrilled to have to pass a checkpoint entering the college, as some schools have, or to have the place lit up like the fourth of July 24 hours a day, as other schools do.

Before we start pointing out the shortcomings of the Beaver campus safety department, maybe we need to examine what we're doing for campus safety. I almost always hold the

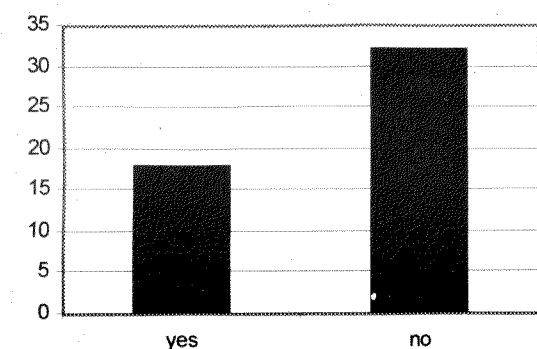
door for the person behind me (wouldn't want to force anyone else to go through the 10 second annoyance of the door-swipe), and would never think of getting ID from all the strangers to whom I've given directions around campus. I have never been stopped by anyone else, either, come to think of it, and while I may not fit the profile of the serial rapist, we can never be too safe, right?

Though I may not feel 100 percent safe 100 percent of the time on this campus, and particularly when I stop to think about exactly who might be coming in through our open gates, I do love all the perks of being so close to a city. It does seem at times that it is pure luck which keeps more incidents from occurring on this campus, and that is what worries me most. Maybe it is time to think carefully about what we're all willing to do for our own protection from the outside world, and which of our freedoms we're willing to surrender to feel more safe here at Beaver.

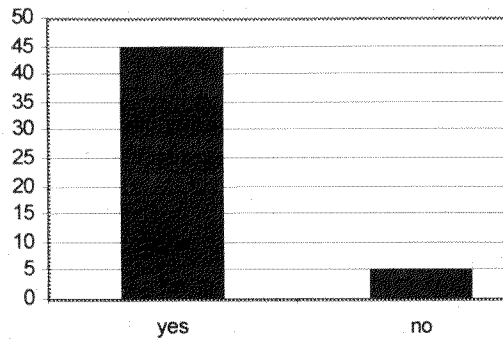
Do you think campus does enough to ensure sufficient safety?



Have you ever felt unsafe or had an incident on campus?



Do you feel safe on campus?



Jenny Ratnovsky
Staff Writer

Since the incident last semester when a student was robbed on campus, the Beaver College community has begun questioning just how safe the campus is. When prospective students visit our college, they see a lovely green campus in a safe suburban area. No one thinks that anything bad can happen at this blooming corner of Glenside!

Last year I was one of those typical college visitors thinking those typical pre-college thoughts. So far my high expectations of safety on campus have not been lowered. Yes, there was the frightening incident of a girl threatened with a gun that

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happened a few months ago, but it was the only serious episode of violence in the past several years. Crimes may be committed even in the safest neighborhoods, just not as often as in the less safe parts of the city. With Beaver's low crime rate the probability of a student being attacked is quite low, lower than that of many other schools in the area.

Though the prospect of a member of the Beaver College community being assaulted is rather unlikely, there are Public Safety workers on hand around the clock. They watch the parking lots through cameras, escort students to their Residence Halls, and unlock rooms of forgetful residents. They are available by ext. 2800, ready to come to the rescue!

Students, our safety is in good hands, so relax and take an evening walk through our beautiful campus!

The Hardest Part

Steph String
Staff Writer

Well I'm on the airplane now, the first one that is. I am scheduled to arrive in Los Angeles in an hour or so and after a six hour layover I'll board the plane that will take me on a 16 hour journey beginning my adventure in Australia!

So far, the hardest part about going abroad (after deciding to go) was actually leaving. I have absolutely amazing friends who threw me an incredible surprise going away party, very fittingly at the Outback Steakhouse. This was the perfect opportunity to see everyone and to say good-bye. This made me excited to go, but I was still in the denial stage for a while. This is the phase where you live your life at home without going to class not realizing that you're about to go to the other side of the world where you don't know anyone. That phase in itself is scary, but what is even scarier than saying good-bye to your friends, your family, and yes even your cat, is the fact that

everything is so exciting that it is overwhelming. I have always wanted to go to Australia and now I'm actually going! It is a dream come true and although it is petrifying to leave my comfort zone of family and friends; it is also exhilarating because you get to test yourself and to see what you are really made of. It's quite a challenge!

This semester is like a new beginning for me and a chance to do all the things that I have always wanted to do, but I never thought would be possible. As I embark upon all of this I will let everyone back at Beaver know what I'm going through so that it can help prepare them if they make the decision to study abroad.



Ask Beaver BoB

Dear Beaver Bob,
What characteristics turn guys off to a girl?
K.M.
Dear K.M.,

A very good question indeed. It would be impossible as well as stereotypical to give the do-all/end-all traits which turn guys off to the female sex. However, I think I might be able to give a little insight into the male mind.

First things first, guys (in most cases) do not like women who are, for lack of a better phrase, "high maintenance". By this I am referring to women who need three hours and three pounds of makeup to think they are presentable for the public. Short and simple is good. It becomes annoying on a date when someone goes to the restroom three times in an hour.

Second, boring is bad. If your idea of a good evening is watching re-runs of "Just the Ten of Us" (remember that show?), you are going to run into some problems. Many guys enjoy having time out with their buddies so it is good to be active outside of your dorm room. It will also help if the two of you can go out and have fun on occasion.

Thirdly, being "the bitch." Whining is annoying.

Realize that everyone has their own vices. The better you can handle his quirks, the better off you will be. Whiners and bitches often end up alone. Be nice, show you can have a good time with a variety of people. (Refer to #2)

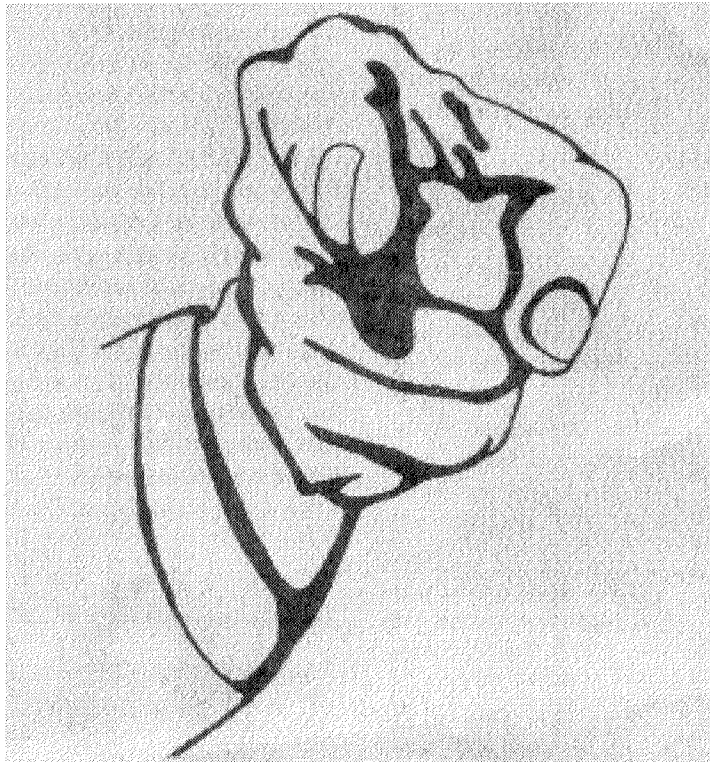
Four- "Baggage". Guys do not want to hear about old boyfriends, or how he messed you up so bad you were in rehab for two months. Concentrate on what is good now, not what wasn't in the past.

Lastly, one word- "Psycho". Overly possessive, stalking, judgemental=not good. Give your guy some space no matter what stage your relationship is in. Many men (especially in college) like keeping their options open. Take your time.

I hope this helps a little bit. Again, this is not meant to stereotype guys, but give some insight into the male mind. You need to find what makes you happy in a person and look for that...or wait for it to find you!

Do you have a question that needs to be answered? Write to Beaver Bob! You can send your questions to beavercolletower@yahoo.com or via campus mail to Beaver Bob c/o The Tower.

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TV or Not TV?

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Staff Writer

Ok, come on everyone, fess up. How many of you are willing to admit that you have been drawn into those new "Reality TV" shows? I'll be one of the first. If I surf past MTV's "FEAR," forget it, I'm stuck watching it until the very end. But seriously, what happened to the time when television was simply a medium of entertainment? More and more, I feel like television is exploiting human nature, and putting it on TV for the entire world to see.

For example, I know that a number of girls on my hall found the show "Temptation Island" the most fascinating thing since they realized that boys do *not* have cooties. But did they ever take into account the mental strain that this program put on its stars? The show took couples and places them on an island with twelve eligible bachelors/bachelorettes and lets nature run its course. Now, lets think about this guys! How dangerous is that? These people are couples with the potential to experience one of the greatest

things in the universe--*love* and a life of joint happiness.

"Temptation Island" takes these couples and separates them. It tests them, and woos them to commit sins of the flesh. Now, I'll be the first to admit that I'm far from my religious roots, but even to me, that's wrong. The producers of this show, at least in my mind, are manipulating the cast and preying on human frailty. Put under such a situation, I believe that very few couples would be able to stand the stress. But, even with all that put aside, my main point is that, trusting in the natural error of humanity, producers set couples up to betray each other, destroying what could have been a wonderful and nurturing relationship. That's just wrong! It degrades the cast, ruins lives, and, at least in my mind, disgraces humanity. Humans are the most developed and complex form of life that we are aware of at this point. We are an institution. Recall the words of Shakespeare, "What a piece of work is man! How noble in reason! How infinite in faculty! In form and moving how express and admirable! In action how like an angel! In apprehension how like a god"

When humanity as a culture has so much to offer, why are we focusing and profiting from the most base and animalistic nature of mankind? Why are true artists a dying breed? Doesn't the common man see how his support of the system is, in truth, not only degrading his peers, but himself as well?

I am not here to tell you to boycott Reality TV. Time goes on, fads change, and progress is constant. However, next time one of these shows comes on, I ask you, just for a second, to think beyond the delicious scandal and think about how the casts' lives are being manipulated. Think about how their experience in this show, which you are so joyfully watching, is going to effect them years down the road. Think about how they are being used as pawns only for television ratings. And most of all, think about what this is saying for individuals as a whole. To me, it conveys the idea that we are a society that thrives on the pain of others, enjoying and indulging the worst sides of human nature for our own pleasures. I may be wrong, but I thought we were better than that.

Meet Kristen

Erin Holm
Editor-in-Chief

Who on campus is the advisor of the Student Programming Board, supervisor of the Campus Activities Programmer, resource to all clubs and organizations on campus, programmer of campus events, serves on the Civility Group, Diversity Task Force, Spirituality Committee, is a member of the Orientation Planning Executive Committee (OPEC), and much more? None other than Kristen Bendon, who is the Director of Campus Activities and Student Involvement. Just thinking about all of the activities she is involved in here at Beaver makes me tired!

Kristen is originally from upstate New York, but moved in tenth grade to Nashville, Tennessee. She has a Bachelor of Arts in English with a minor in Psychology from the University of Tennessee. Kristen also has a Master of Science in Counseling/Student Personnel Services

from Shippensburg University.

Kristen started with us in July 2000, but has quickly become a friend to so many people on campus that all you have to do is mention her name and they smile. When I asked Kristen why she chose to come to Beaver, she exclaimed, "Quite a few reasons! I had only been at medium to large sized public schools and was looking to get a new experience. And once I interviewed

contact was ideal." She added with a smile, "And an added bonus to working at Beaver is that my fiancé lives nearby!"

What Kristen really loves about her job is "getting to work with and empower student leaders. It is exciting and rewarding to see students grow and succeed. I hope I get to be part of that process for a long time." Kristen summed up her job as to "provide opportunities for students to develop as positive, pro-active, caring individuals. I want to add meaning to their experiences at Beaver College." Kristen encourages anyone who is interested to stop by and chat in her office in the basement of Dilworth.

About a month ago, I was talking to a friend and I mentioned that I had a meeting with Kristen. She immediately said, "Kristen Bendon? Oh, I like her." My response was "So do I." Kristen is a wonderful asset to this campus and we hope she stays here a long time.



here, met the faculty, staff and students, I knew Beaver College was where I wanted to be. The combination of friendly, dedicated people and a challenging position with a significant amount of student

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said they would review each user and act accordingly. Dr. Dre, on the other hand, only requested that his songs be deleted from the database, so that users would still be allowed access. Eventually, the users who were denied access were allowed back into the system and Dr. Dre's songs were deleted from the database, but the artists left their lawsuits in place. Despite legal matters, Napster continued to grow and acquire more members and more support from artists and the public. However, in June of 2000, the RIAA hit Napster with a motion for a preliminary injunction, which would shut Napster down until a trial was held. Judge Marilyn Hall Patel was asked to rule in the hearing, held in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, to decide whether or not the injunction should be granted. The injunction was granted, however, Napster was granted a stay, meaning that they had time to get a formal appeal together for a briefing before the database would be shut down. Within two days of the injunction shutting Napster down, Napster attacked Judge Patel's ruling saying that it was "unprecedented and unfair," and that they were going to appeal the ruling again in September of 2000. In response to this new appeal, the RIAA requested a second hearing for a new ruling on the preliminary injunction. Napster stood by its claim that they operate on a non-commercial basis, and therefore should not be shut down since they are not infringing upon any rights.

In the second hearing on the injunction motion from the RIAA, no opinion was released as to whether or not Napster was going to be shut down. It was said that the stay Napster was issued was still in place until the official trial began. Shortly after the second hearing in October of 2000, in a surprise move, Bertelsmann, a huge German-based media conglomerate and one of the key groups against Napster for piracy, made a deal with Napster. The deal was that Bertelsmann would drop their part of the lawsuit and also give Napster a loan to start a secure trading network. This way, Napster is required to charge a monthly fee, of about \$4.95 to

each customer, and then the artists and companies would still be compensated for their songs and their rights would not be infringed upon. This deal pleased the RIAA, however they refused to withdraw their suit claiming that "rules for the Internet had to be established once and for all."

Not only does Napster continue to amass more users, but they are also beginning to smooth matters over and work out new deals with companies who are suing them. In January of 2001, Napster reached a compromise with the record company TVT because TVT is in favor of the new membership policies that Napster is developing through their strategic alliance with Bertelsmann. Even with all of these sound alliances being made, Napster still has the RIAA and its lawsuit to take care of. The federal court that was reviewing the second hearing and appeal to the preliminary injunction requested by the RIAA last fall, has sent the case back to the district courts declaring it "overbroad." Pending the decision made by the district court in February, Napster could be shut down this month.

Knowing that they are facing an uphill battle, Napster is offering the record labels a settlement of \$200 million per year for the next five years to license songs traded over the database, and is going to start charging customers by this summer. Four remaining companies, Sony, Warner, Universal and EMI have yet to join forces with any music-swapping service and they have rebuffed Napster's offers to this point. The RIAA's lawsuit is still in place and the projected trial date is summer of 2001.

At this point in time, Napster is still free, still in use, and just waiting and planning. Personally, I am for the service that Napster provides. I believe it is piracy, however, I do not agree with the infringement suits. I think that once Napster pays out and upholds its deals, this situation will die down and Mp3 trading will become a way of life. Just as 8-tracks faded to vinyl, vinyl faded to cassette tapes, and cassette tapes faded to CD's, CD's will fade to digital Mp3 trading, and record labels will see that this is a more cost-effective way to sell music.

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al voting rights laws aimed to curb historic discrimination by states against its minority residents, the current Supreme Court would have great reservations with the federal government creating a universal voting system/standard. But the Constitutional absence of a voting standard has resulted in the decentralized, county controlled system responsible for the mish-mash of voting machines and methods in Florida. The states need to recognize the importance in keeping voting methods equal -- regardless of a county's predominant class, party affiliation, or race or the ability (or inability) of local governments to keep voting systems modern and effective. This can be done voluntarily, though federal incentives or federal mandate (which could prove to be unconstitutional). Taking the federal incentive route, Senator Charles Schumer (NY-D) has proposed \$500 million in grants to states willing to purchase voting systems recommended by the Federal Election Commission.

This leads to similarly outrageous ex-offender disenfranchisement laws. In Florida alone, about 400,000 adults are denied the right to vote for life because - at some point in their lives - they committed a felony. Florida is one of only eight states that deny ex-felons the franchise for life even after they have served their time. Another five states ban ex-felons from voting for a specified period after their release.

The No-Show Snow

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"It's gonna be the worst storm of the decade," they said. "Nearly three feet of snow is going to fall," they said.

Well, what the heck happened?! My response to this was, "yeah, right." Little did I know that I was correct at the time. March 4th came and went, no snow to speak of. March 5th came and went, still no snow to speak of. Here it is, March 6th, and guess what?! Still no snow to speak of. I know that I was not the only person on campus praying that the skies would open up and dump the biggest load of snow on us, well, the biggest in nearly five years. Almost every person that I spoke to was "wishin' and hopin' and prayin'" that some snow would fall and by chance, our school would be closed just like every other school across the region. However, Mother Nature decided not to cooperate with us and we had classes as usual.

Despite the lack of snow on the ground, it certainly was slick. At any given time while taking a stroll across campus, the faint cries of people slipping, falling, swearing and threatening to sue the school could be heard echoing through the trees and off the sides of buildings. The hill leading to Boyer Hall was especially treacherous for students making their way to their early morning classes. Complaints and a general negative attitude towards everything tainted the atmosphere on campus, making this a truly enjoyable place to live. Not that I was Polly Positive during this time, but I tried real hard to put on a "happy face." My advice for the next time the forecasters "cry wolf", don't get your hopes up; big storms in Pennsylvania are few and far between.

No Use For A Name: An Interview

TaRa Redavid
Staff Writer

If you were on campus last year and read *The Tower* you may have seen an interview with Rory, the drummer of No Use For A Name in one of the issues. Well, this time around Katy Mayer and I got the chance to talk to Tony Sly, lead singer of the band. Just as friendly as his bandmate, we thoroughly enjoyed our time spent with Tony. The show proved to be no disappointment either as NUFAN once again rocked the packed Trocadero in Philadelphia.

TaRa: Introduce yourself.

Tony: My name's Tony, I play in the band No Use For A Name. I sing and play guitar.

TaRa: Alright, is the glass half empty or half full?

Tony: Half full.

TaRa: Favorite quote?

Tony: My favorite quote, um geez [coughs] tough one. What is that...I forget, um, shhheesh [laughs] I'm sorry.

TaRa: [laughs] We can go back to it.

Tony: Yeah, Yeah-let's go back to it-cause I have some and I can't think of them-for some reason-probably cause I am really hung over. We were in New York City last night and it was CMJ and there was a lot of friends and people from the label that we're on.

TaRa: We were supposed to go but we didn't. What's your most memorable experience?

Tony: Most memorable experience. Um, well, um. probably when [pauses] hmm

Tony: I'm drawing blanks tonight, um-to me the most memorable experience with the band was like actually two months ago. We were playing in Italy you know, and it

was this huge festival with Limp Bizkit and Blink 182 and like all these huge bands. We had a really good spot and the reason it was so memorable was we got to play fourth to last and about 35,000 people watched us. 35, 000 fans. [laughs] I mean you have to remember that it was one of those things that was so exciting like you don't remember it because it's all like a blur. Obviously all these people weren't there to see us; not at all. They were there to see Limp Bizkit but it's pretty memorable. Sorry that's such a boring one.

TaRa: No, No it worked. If you could change one thing about your career what would it be?

Tony: Wow, these are really good questions. About my career, it would probably be that we could actually afford not to tour so

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Oops! We Goofed!

In the February 14th issue, *The Tower* stated that "Gilligan" (Steve Hamburg) and his crew of commuters won the Mr. Beaver Contest last semester. Congratulations should have been extended to Steve, his crew of commuters, and 1st West Heinz. Congrats to all.

Pennsylvania - until September 2000 - had a similar law.

The implications of these laws frustrate our notions of fairness. Instead of welcoming an ex-offender back into society after they have served their time, these laws seek to inflict continued punishment long after a citizen has "paid their debt" to society. As Justice Thurgood Marshall noted in his dissenting opinion in *Richardson v. Ramirez* (1974), "There is certainly no basis for asserting ex-felons have any less interest in the democratic process than any other citizen. Like everyone else, their daily lives are deeply affected by the decisions of the government."

Why are these laws around? One word: politics. Politicians can sell themselves on their "tough on crime" posturing. This is certainly seen through the development of "three strikes" and mandatory minimum laws. These laws essentially make people statistics and disregard circumstances. They disregard any conception of rehabilitation. They send a message to the ex-felon that their government is unwilling to welcome them back to society.

Through "tough on crime" legislation combined with the disproportionate incarceration rate of black men, felony disenfranchisement only offers continued

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So maybe that is why I wake up every morning early to hold on to the last inkling of the "it could happen" fairy tale in my life. My rational brain is working against horrible odds, and I partly blame movies and television (television before reality TV I mean). The media glorifies everything. Sure, my life would be perfect if I had "Take 20!" and an editing room. But I don't, so my full-fledged fairy tale will never happen.

Don't think I have given up hope! I still have ideals in my head, the perfect night's sleep, the perfect job, perfect Saturday afternoon. I have ideas of what I want floating around in the back of my head, that my seem impossible to some. However, I believe that subconsciously I will be working towards them as best I can. Pure perfectionist I'm not, but I do know what I like and what I want, and I only settle for the best I can get. Shouldn't we all?

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much because it's really hard being away from home like 8 to 9 months out of the year like we usually are, when we have a record out. That would be nice, that we wouldn't have to hit the road so much.

TaRa: What was your last dream about?

Tony: You know what? This is going to sound ridiculous but I don't remember my dreams, I know a lot of people do you know, I don't remember them. When I was a kid I had this dream. I used to remember my dreams. I don't know why I don't now... um, when I was a kid I had this consecutive dream-it was like, it went on for like seven nights and every night I dreamed about the same thing. I dreamed about this witch that followed me around...it was pretty scary.

TaRa and Tony: [laughs]

Tony: I know! It was really scary. I mean everywhere I went there was this witch...she was following me around. It was a total nightmare and it went on for seven days.

Katy: If you could own any pair of shoes what would they be?

TaRa: These are the deep questions we are getting into now...

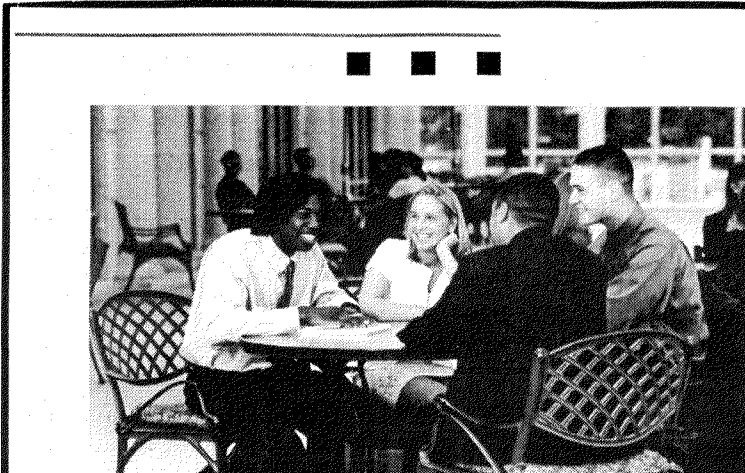
Tony: Yeah... if I could own any pair of shoes...um, I wouldn't mind another pair of Adidas like these, I was trying to think of something that was really expensive that I wouldn't normally buy that I would like but um, usually if its something that I like its kinda affordable... you know, even if its pretty expensive, shoes are always worth it if you save up money for shoes. Don't you think?

TaRa: I think so, I got these [Docs] and I've had them for about 6 years.

Tony: See I bet they were pretty expensive too... they look good!

TaRa: Quality craftsmanship.

Tony: Quality, you really get what



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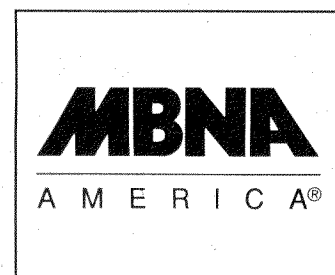
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TaRa: Al Gore or George W or neither?

Tony: You know what, I don't think it's a good race this time around. They both have a lot of the same views, same ideas and stuff like that. They're only like slightly different. I watched the debates and stuff but Bush said that Gore and Clinton didn't do anything in the last seven years and they were always making promises on the goals that they made seven years ago, which I think is true, but I don't like George Bush cause I think some of his ideals are too much like his father's. George Bush himself was a horrible President.....I don't care, I'm not voting this year.

Tony: [drinking his diet pepsi] Oh God, why does this taste so weird? [makes disgusted face] What the hell is wrong with that?

TaRa: It's diet.

Tony: Yeah I know... but it's terrible! You want to try it?

TaRa: I don't like soda...

Tony: Have you ever had Diet Pepsi before?

TaRa: Yeah.

Tony: Ok just take a little sip of that...maybe you shouldn't 'cause we might both die or something but...

Tony: What the hell is wrong with it! It tastes like dirt!

TaRa: That does not taste good.

Tony: It tastes like DIRT! I should have spit it out, I didn't taste it until it went down...

TaRa: It's gross. It's kinda bitter.

Tony: There's something wrong with it.

Katy: There's no syrup in it-it's all

seltzer.

TaRa and Tony: ohhhh

Tony: Well, why the color though?
Katy: That I'm stumped on, I just know cause...

Tony: There's no sugar or no uh...?
Katy: No there's no syrup, it's just seltzer and probably just carmel coloring

Tony: CARMEL Coloring... ahh, there's no sugar in Diet Pepsi anyway, but it has no sweetener...

Katy: It has aspartame.

Tony: Aspartame that's that stuff that gives you cancer...yeah, we should worry about that.

TaRa: Did you think of your favorite quote yet? How about..."Don't drink the Diet Pepsi"?

Tony: Yeah..."DONT EVER DRINK DIET PEPSI AGAIN." a quote a quote a quote...what is it? "Fear leads to anger, anger leads to pain, pain leads to suffering, suffering leads to the dark side." Yoda, 1999.

TaRa: Who would win in a fight? Christina Aguilera or Britney Spears?

Tony: Britney, she's bigger, way bigger. Did you see them on the MTV Awards? They both came up to announce a band or give away an award. Britney Spears is like two feet taller than that girl. I think she's normal size and Christina is like really tiny. That's what I think. She can sing though, but Britney Spears can't.

TaRa: What's the meaning of life?

Tony: ummm...

Katy: It got good results with Goldfinger

Tony: It's gonna get bad results right now...

TaRa: They are dirty old men

Tony: Are they? Let's talk crap about them! [laughs]

TaRa: [laughs] So the meaning of life... [Goldfinger] said it was bitches and hoes.

Tony: [in a sing song voice] "Bitches and hoes, bitches and hoes." I think that it's, I don't know-that's a good question... our drummer, Rory, he's the meaning of life. Yeah, I don't

know about the meaning of life. I'm not too sure about that one. I'm not really gonna know.

TaRa: We'll put down bitches and hoes for you to then...

Tony: That's right, bitches and hoes.... and 40's.

TaRa: Did you hear anything about the Beaver College name thing? They think the name of the College has negative connotations...

Tony: It's lame that they're changing it, but I can see why that would be a problem with the internet and stuff like that, but I don't know...they probably shouldn't change it though, huh? [Matt of NUFAN comes in and joins us...right on time]

Matt: Hey.

TaRa: Meaning of life?

Matt: Monty Python.

TaRa: Any last words?

Tony: Yeah... don't drink the Pepsi.

Matt: You tried that? It's horrible.

Tony: Are they all like that?

Matt: Yeah!

Tony: We figured it out- there is no syrup. It's brown seltzer water and no flavoring.

Matt: That's weird. Really weird.

Tony: Yeah, so that's all...don't drink the Diet Pepsi and thank you.



Tony and Matt of NUFAN

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frustration to people who already feel alienated by the system. While we know drug selling and use cuts across racial lines, there is increasing evidence that the criminal justice system targets low-income, largely minority, urban areas to wage the "war on drugs" (i.e. documented instances of racial profiling). Indeed, African American men are sentenced on drug charges at a rate of 13.4 times greater than that of white men.

Combined with reports of voter intimidation and the aforementioned unequal voting methods, the situation conjures up the Jim Crow days complete with poll taxes and literacy requirements. In 2001, we cannot have any doubt lingering in the public about this country's commitment to equal protection of opportunity and law. We must ask ourselves what disenfranchising ex-felons really accomplishes, aside from being some sort of mean-spirited double jeopardy. In every state, these laws need to be repealed to give ex-offenders - who have already paid off their societal debt - the right to vote.

Chief Justice Earl Warren

Blast From The Past

Compiled by Julie Strange and Andrea M. Hosage

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reminded us in 1964's Reynolds v. Sims, "The right to vote freely for the candidate of one's choice is of the essence of a democratic society, and any restrictions on that right strike at the heart of representative government." We must again embrace those words with new zeal through reform. Although there should be other changes to our election system including Election Day registration, improved training of election workers and naming Election Day a holiday, I feel these are the most urgent because these specific problems seem to undermine our nation's commitment to end racially disparate government action.

Currently, many state legislatures, including Pennsylvania, are reevaluating their election laws in the wake of the Election 2000 debacle.

Regardless of what candidate you voted for or if you voted at all, we can all agree: in the United States, all citizens deserve the right to make their voices heard through their ballot.

The following ad is from the Friday, November 4, 1938 issue of the *Beaver News*, when Beaver College was located in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania. The *Beaver News* was published weekly by members of the student body. They had a subscription rate of \$2.00 a year, which would translate into \$23.18 per year in the year 2000. Back then Beaver College was an all-girls school, sorry fellas!

Okay People!

William Dougherty
Staff Writer

I'm old, okay? I also have long hair. This isn't necessarily a bad thing, unless you take into consideration the fact that I'm a guy, in which case it seems to bug some people. Oh well. Basically, I'm the longhaired weirdo in cowboy boots who has been meandering around the campus for the last two years. Maybe you have seen me around, maybe you haven't. Regardless of whether you have or not, the point is this; I am an outsider on the inside. I don't fit into the traditional role of student, yet at the same time, I'm part of the campus.

This gives me a somewhat unique perspective on things in that I am unencumbered with the trappings of trying to fit in, while still being privy to certain distinct circumstances. Essentially, I can observe you all interacting with your environment and each other without being caught up in the whole "fitting in" thing, sort of like an ugly Jane Goodall watching a bunch of middle-class gorillas. Gorillas-in the 'burbs, if you will.

Which leads me to my first point. I have, until recently, eschewed any sort of formal schooling. For a myriad of reasons (sex, drugs and rock 'n roll being chief among these.) I spent my twenties in a somewhat existential fog, arguing that learned knowledge could not replace innate intelligence and indulging my id its every whim. Eventually, however, I came to realize that even drinking, screwing and fighting can get old, so I quit my job and headed back to school. Cool, I'm thinking to myself, I can hang with a bunch of young idealistic liberals who want to change the world. Maybe some of that idealistic naiveté will rub off on me, kind of like when an old dog is stuck in with a bunch of

puppies and starts acting like a pup himself.

So anyway, there I was in my sophomore year getting all liberal and shit, sitting in a biology lab and eavesdropping on a couple of fairly hip looking girls. "I can't wait to go to the Ricky Martin concert!" I heard one of them say to the other. They then went on to wax philosophically about Ricky's musical attributes as compared to Britney Spears'. (Apparently she's pretty cool as well.)

Ricky Martin and Britney Spears? I couldn't believe it. Here I am in the belly of liberal thought and Ricky and Britney are the focal points of conversation. I'm trying to brush up on what's hot and cutting edge and what I get is Ricky Martin and Britney frickin Spears... unbelievable. "Living La Vida Loca" and "Oops, I Did It Again" are apparently the avante garde of artistic expression and I had no idea. Guess I missed the boat on that one. Thanks for opening my eyes, girls.

But that is not the worst of it. The following semester, I was in a group discussion about various survey questions presented to the campus. I suggested that we delve into the political leanings of various majors and classes. Everybody looked at me like I had just suggested that we study Latin for fun. Once they all clicked their jaws shut, one girl piped up and informed me that, "Nobody cares about that stuff." She then proceeded to impress us all with the scintillating yet insightful suggestion of doing a dating survey. Allow me to reiterate for the point of saliency: a frickin dating survey. Forget about who is going to run the country and the fact that electing Bush means a potentially all-Republican Supreme Court. Furthermore let us not take into consideration that this Supreme Court then has the capabilities to overturn certain cases like, oh I don't know, maybe *Roe vs. Wade*? Does anybody

care about this? No, what we care about is who is dating whom and about how many months with a person constitutes a long-term relationship. Can you believe this crap? Well, believe it, cause I was there and heard it with my own two ears. For the sake of space, I've limited my railing to the most conspicuous examples of vapid intellect. But I must comment on at least one more disappointing moment.

So I guess what I am trying to express here is this: Let's prioritize, people! I'll concede that it is okay to like Ricky and Britney (as guilty pleasures maybe), but you have got to reciprocate by trying something off the beaten path. The Keswick Theater is right around the corner and books all sorts of eclectic bands. Perhaps you could check out some old blues dude or something. Just a suggestion.

As far as the dating report of which I was part, I'll say only this: Gossiping about who is seeing whom and tracking various dating patterns here on campus is alright and may even have its place, but I have to say that turning it into an intellectual endeavor seems a bit obtuse to me. There is a lot more going on in the world that should be grabbing our attention right now. For instance, as I type this, some people in this country have no health insurance, and yet we as a society have managed to come up with millions of dollars a year to pay individual athletes to play games. We set these guys up in mansions and then settle for managed health care for ourselves. Doesn't that bother anyone but me? Or perhaps I'm being reactionary and whining about nothing at all. Who knows? So anyway, these are my thoughts. If you have managed to read this far, thanks for listening. Sometimes I just need a place to rant and rattle my cage. I feel better already.

Ecstasy Users Rave on Despite Drug's Dangers

Provided by Alive and Free from Hazelden

Last year, a 17-year-old boy in Hudson, Wisconsin, died after attending a dance with friends. Hospital tests confirmed the presence of MDMA- also known as ecstasy- in his body.

Nearby, in Minneapolis and St. Paul, ecstasy played a role in four more deaths in 2000. One man, age 26, died from an ecstasy overdose; a 23-year-old man died after mixing ecstasy with heroin and alcohol.

In Boulder, Colorado, a 16-year-old girl died after swallowing a pill thought to be ecstasy. In a press conference, her brother reported that she drank three gallons of water before she slipped into the coma that preceded her death.

These reports clash with the growing popularity of ecstasy and its inaccurate image as a "safe" chemical.

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) monitors patterns of drug abuse and concludes: Use of ecstasy and other club drugs is on the rise.

This is a disappointing trend in an otherwise encouraging picture of drug use among young people. According to the 2000 Monitoring the Future Survey released in December by the Department of Health and Human Services, teens use of several drugs, including cigarettes, marijuana and alcohol, has leveled off or even decreased. But there was a significant increase in ecstasy use. The study found that past-year use of ecstasy increased for the second straight year among 10th and 12th graders and for the first year among 8th graders. Forty percent of high school seniors say

ecstasy is "easy" or "fairly easy" to get.

Ecstasy is known as the "hug drug" or "love drug." Users report that it heightens their empathy and affection for other people. In addition, ecstasy's ability to act as a stimulant and psychedelic make the drug popular at "raves"- parties that typically feature dancing to pulsating, techno music through the night.

"This drug is not new," says Carol Falkowski, director of Research Communications at Hazelden Foundation and author of a new book, *Dangerous Drugs: An Easy-to-Use Reference for parents and Professionals*. "What's new is the huge influx of ecstasy into this country. In 1997, U.S. Customs seized 400,000 ecstasy tablets. In 2000, they seized 9.3 million."

"What is most disturbing about these trends is the fact that MDMA is not a design drug," said Alan Leshner, director of NIDA. "While users of club drugs may think they are taking them simply for energy to keep dancing or partying, research shows that these drugs can have long-lasting negative effects on the brain that can alter memory function and motor skills."

According to NIDA, ecstasy can be extremely dangerous in high doses, leading to strokes and seizures. The drug can also cause a marked increase in body temperature- up to 108 degrees. This effect led to

the heart and kidney failure reported in some fatalities at raves. In addition, the effects of ecstasy combined with hot, crowded conditions can cause dehydration. Users attempt to compensate by drinking large amounts of water- in some cases, enough water to fatally intoxicate themselves.

Ecstasy users need to consider even more dangers. One is that there is no known dose of ecstasy that can be considered safe. Another is the lack of quality control for illegally manufactured chemicals, making it hard for users to know exactly how large a dose they're actually consuming. And like other illicit drugs, ecstasy can be adulterated with unknown chemicals or contaminants. All these factors raise the risk of overdose, which can be fatal.

Several magazines and Web sites featured glowing comments from users about the effects of ecstasy. Falkowski urges people to reconsider this point of view. "Don't believe what you hear on the Internet about ecstasy being harmless. it's a dangerous drug and using it is a risky, sometimes fatal proposition."

Alive and Free is a chemical health column provided by Hazelden, a nonprofit agency based in Center City, Minnesota, that offers a wide range of information and services relating to addiction and recovery. For resources on substance abuse, check Hazelden's Web site at www.hazelden.org and/or visit Beaver College's Drug Abuse Center in the basement of Heinz.

April Horoscopes

Aurora Sanchez
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Aries
(March 19-April 19)
Signs of promise come early this month, but be careful. A burst of creativity comes early this month too. While it is a distraction, it does not solve any problems. This month may prove hectic, but personal strength will pull you through.

Taurus:
(April 20-May 20)
Good luck from last month dwindles, but raise your guard. Love and happiness may find you early this month but stay focused on working on yourself. Trouble may come in the middle of the month, but don't fret because at the end of the month new doors are opened.

Gemini:
(May 21-June 21)
Bliss is present early in the month; however don't let down your guard as someone lurks in the shadows close by. Upon their leaving, you have to clean up the mess that they left behind. Be careful later in the month, while you seem to be getting more done you are still able to make mistakes.

Cancer:
(June 22-July 22)
Wealth and freedom are signs that the month has truly begun. Try new things, and you will be met with little opposition. Stay aware of those who don't share your views, they are important when the end of the month proves difficult. Learn to deal with what life has to offer, as it is part of being able to control it.

Leo:
(July 23-Aug. 22)
Problems early this month force you to keep yourself afloat. Don't compromise your values! Frustration due to outside hostility is easily remedied by spending time alone. Use your strength in positive ways; don't let others dictate how you feel.

Virgo:
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Don't worry about your feeling of neglect; space is being made for you, not against you. Don't let high expectations make you feel weighed down, do only what you must. Fight for a cause you believe in, but watch for things that undermine your strength. How you do things is as important as getting them done.

Libra:
(Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Health and well-being are yours. Use your strength to help someone in need. Those around you will appreciate your deeds. New friends come at the end of the month. They will prove to be helpful in finding out who you are.

Scorpio:
(Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Change is frequent early. One day you will be an open book and the next you will shut people out. But this is short lived. An old rival returns this month, but by the end of the month you will be relaxed.

Sagittarius:
(Nov. 22- Dec 21)
Inspiration and instability are apparent this month. Be careful with things that are fragile. Midmonth, practicality is needed to resolve issues that arise. Your desire to be outdoors increases. Utilize your honesty at the end of this month, as it is needed to keep your world stable.

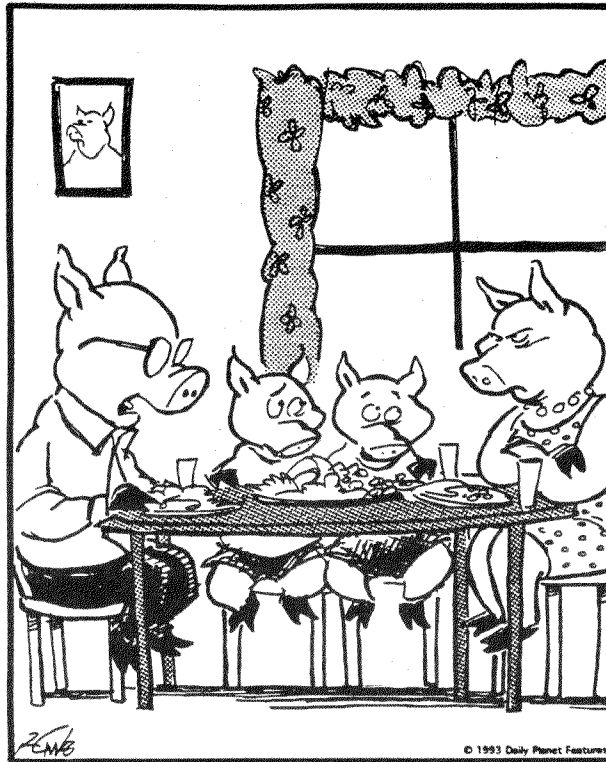
Capricorn:
(Dec. 22-Jan.19)
Projects take longer than expected, but forgive yourself for the procrastination. Balance comes during this month. Allow your passions to be honored and pay tribute to your potential. Be careful what you say, offense may be taken but this is normalized by the end of the month.

Aquarius:
(Jan. 20-Feb 19)
Though weekends are exciting, don't let them interfere with your weekdays. Though annoying, they are important. New views are made available to you. Midmonth proves strenuous but don't let negativity rule your life. Complex problems prove themselves to have rather simple answers. By the end of the month your energy is restored.

Pisces:
(Feb.19-Mar. 20)
A feeling of inadequacy rears its head but this dies down soon. Choices you make will have you second-guessing yourself. Through all this don't retaliate negativity. Work quickly on your goals as they have the potential to be ripped away quickly.

Comics

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"Now Margaret, you know I didn't mean anything by it . . . after all, we ALL eat like pigs."

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The real reason Bald Eagles are becoming extinct.

