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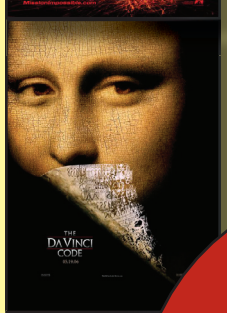

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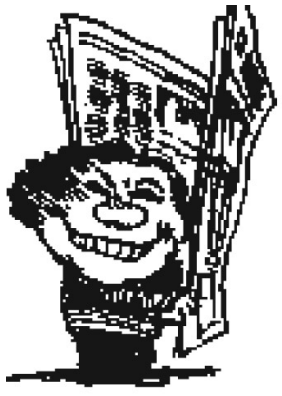

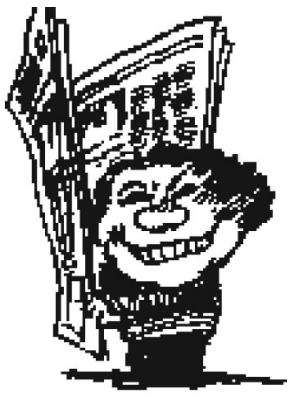

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ohn Arredondo gives a presentation during the UCCS business class at T. Rowe Price in Colorado Springs, Colorado, March 28, 2006. Students 25 years of age and older constitute nearly half of the new returning student population.

Old school: Adults flock to degree programs

By DEBBIE KELLEY
For The TOWER

Thirty-four-year-old Adria Lopour is living a dream. And she has a prominent role in it.

So does her employer, Hewlett-Packard Co., where she manages 26 software-support engineers.

Rounding out the cast is Regis University's School for Professional Studies, where she's earning a master's of business administration focusing on international business.

"I realized I needed a degree to help expand my career," Lopour said. "This MBA will give me portable skills."

Lopour has been able to keep her full-time job, attend college and maintain a busy life that includes two daughters and various activities, because her employer and her school have made it less of a hassle for her to achieve her dream.

"The hours are convenient and the classroom is full of experienced adults in a career or making a career change," Lopour said. "It's definitely been worth it."

Postsecondary schools have learned that catering to working adults attracts a growing market segment _ nontraditional students, defined as ages 25 to 64, who want a degree for reasons that include earning more money, advancing professionally, experiencing personal growth or finishing a path they started years ago.

Students 25 years of age and older constitute nearly half of the new and returning student population, according to The Association for Nontraditional Students in Higher Education. And the number of students age 35 and older in degree-granting institutions has soared from about 823,000 in 1970 to an estimated 2.9 million in 2001, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

The desire to make a lifestyle change is often a motivating factor for going back to school.

"I've wanted to do this for some time, but waited for my children to grow up and leave home," said Connie Baker, a 46-year-old who will complete an associate's degree in business administration this fall at Pikes Peak Community College in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Artist guild held for charity

By KELLY FREY
TOWER staff writer

Would you like to have a laugh and give to a good cause at the same time? It will be possible on Thursday, April 20 as the Student Artists' Guild (SAG) duct tapes a student to a pole in the Benedum Commons.

The possible students that could be duct taped include: Jack Wheeler, Rachel Magerko, Matt Davis, Chris Palo, Hank Hampton, James Champion, Adam Longshore, Eleni Elderkin and Rebekah Cypert.

The student who had the most money donated in their jar through out the week will be duct taped to the pole by the trays and silverware on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The winner will get other prizes in addition to being duct taped to a pole. Student Activities Council (SAC) will donate fifty dollars to charity along the funds raised from the SAG donations.

Aladdin Food Services will also award $25 to be used at Boomers.

All the donations will go to one of four possible art based charities. The winner will get to choose from the four possible charities to see where the funds go.

"My high school thought of doing something like this. I thought it would be a really good fund raiser," SAG President Meghan Etzel-Hardman commented about how the idea of the of duct taping someone for charity came about.

SAG, now in it's second year of existence, can be an exciting group to be apart of.

"Being in our second year as a club. We hope this event will go on for years to come," Etzel-Hardman said.

According to Etzel-Hardman, one of the best incentives of the event is allowing Bethany's student body the opportunity to decide the winner.

She also said the students who could possibly used in the duct taping have different degrees of excitement.

"Some do not want to be duct taped, but still want to help people while others are begging to be duct taped," she said.

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Understanding immigration

U.S. lawmakers are at odds over how to deal with millions of illegal aliens.

We take a look at the current system and the different proposals to restructure it.

From the earliest days of the Republic, when Congress enacted the 1795 Naturalization Act restricting citizenship to "free white persons," few issues have stirred deeper passions in the nation of immigrants than immigration itself. The current debate over how to deal with up to 12 million illegal aliens is easily the most complex and divisive issue confronting the 109th Congress, exacerbated by demands to safeguard America's borders in the post-Sept. 11 era.

President Bush has made enactment of a comprehensive immigration bill, including a temporary "guest-worker" program, a top priority, but his plummeting approval rating has weakened his influence over Congress, particularly while many lawmakers are seeking re-election in November.

The House of Representatives passed a tough immigration bill in December that emphasized strict border enforcement and criminal penalties for undocumented immigrants and those who employ them. A less punitive Senate measure that included a guest-worker program and a path for illegals to win legal status and eventual citizenship suffered a potentially fatal setback this month with the collapse of a bipartisan compromise. Senate leaders say they will try to regroup after Congress returns from a two-week recess on April 24.

The ultimate outcome will likely be decided by House and Senate negotiators, who face a Herculean task of trying to bridge differences between the two sharply different measures when election-year passions make compromise difficult. With only six months before Congress adjourns, no one is betting on the outcome.

PENALTIES

CURRENT LAW

Sanctions against employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens:

CIVIL VIOLATIONS

- First offense: Fines of $250 to $2,000 per violation.
- Second offense: $2,000 to $5,000.
- Third offense: $3,000 to $10,000.
- Improperly filling out I-9 forms verifying employee eligibility: $100 to $1,000 per form.

(Fines also subject to increase based on escalation clause pegged to inflation.)

CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS

- Those who engage in a pattern or practice of knowingly hiring illegal aliens: Fine of up to $3,000 per alien and up to six months in prison.

Penalties for illegal immigrants:

- Unlawful entry: A criminal misdemeanor subject to six months in prison. Up to two years in prison for subsequent offenses.
- Unlawful re-entry after deportation: A felony, up to 10 years in prison.
- Overstaying visas: A civil violation. Ineligible to return to the United States for at least three years for overstays of more than six months. Barred from returning for at least 10 years for overstays of more than a year.

HOUSE BILL

Sanctions against employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens:

CIVIL VIOLATIONS

- First offense: $5,000 to $7,500 per violation.
- Second offense: $10,000 to $15,000.
- Third offense: $25,000 to $40,000.
- Improperly filling out I-9 forms verifying employee eligibility: $1,000 fine to $25,000 per violation.

CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS

- Those who engage in a pattern or practice of knowingly hiring illegal aliens: Fine of up to $50,000 and no less than a year in prison.

Penalties for illegal immigrants:

- Unlawful entry: Felony, up to a year and a day in prison.
- Overstaying visas: Would be called unlawful presence, a felony, up to a year and a day in prison

(House leaders say they are receptive to reducing the punishment to a misdemeanor during future negotiations.)

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Sanctions against employers who knowingly hire illegal aliens:

CIVIL VIOLATIONS

- First offense: $500 to $4,000 per violation.
- Second offense: $4,000 to 10,000.
- Third offense: $6,000 to $20,000.
- Improperly filling out I-9 forms verifying employee eligibility: $200 to $2,000 per form.

CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS

- Those who engage in a pattern or practice of knowingly hiring illegal aliens: Fine of up to $20,000 per alien and up to six months in prison.

Penalties for illegal immigrants:

- Unlawful entry: No change in current law.
- Overstaying visas: No change.

GUEST WORKERS

Q. Why are supporters of a guest-worker program pushing to get it?

A. U.S. businesses want a steady source of low-skilled and unskilled workers in jobs such as construction, janitorial staff, restaurant labor and landscaping. They say they need roughly 500,000 workers each year because of a chronic labor shortage in the robust U.S. economy. Foreign workers are the only realistic supply.

Q. Given the cyclical nature of the economy, what happens when there is no longer a labor shortage?

A. Most proposals would create a government task force to verify that employers made an effort to hire U.S. workers, determine how many guest-worker jobs are needed, and gauge the impact of foreign workers

on U.S. jobs and wages.

Q. Would illegal aliens now in the country participate in the program?

A. This is another source of contention, and proposals vary widely. In October, the Bush administration endorsed the inclusion of "those who are here unlawfully" in a temporary-worker program once they had paid as-yet unspecified fines. The Senate Judiciary Committee bill would put most illegal residents on track to permanent legal status under a six-year visa program separate from the guest-worker plan; those who entered the United States after January 2004 could become guest workers, but they would have to leave the country to apply.

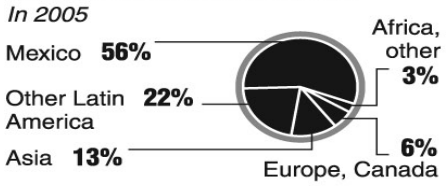
Q. Why is a guest-worker program so contentious?

A. Arguments against the program are that it equals amnesty, rewards illegal behavior, depresses wages and wrests jobs from U.S. workers. Arguments for the program are that it helps U.S. businesses, provides a legal source of jobs for those who now enter the country illegally and offers legal protections and a humane alternative for often-exploited workers who now live a shadowy existence.

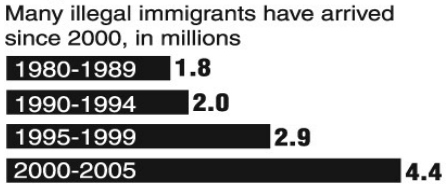
Illegal immigrants

There are up to 12 million illegal immigrants in the United States, up from an estimated 8.4 million in 2000.

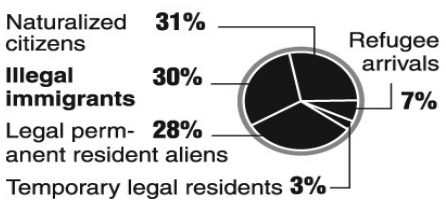
More than half are from Mexico
In 2005



Many are new arrivals
Many illegal immigrants have arrived since 2000, in millions



Almost a third of foreign born are illegals
Illegal immigrants make up 30 percent of the 37 million U.S. foreign born population, 2005



Note: Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding
Note: Illegal immigrants refers to those who entered the country without valid documents or those who entered with valid visas but overstayed or otherwise violated the terms of their admission

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Highlights of major proposals

PRESIDENT BUSH

Bush has not translated his concepts into specific legislation. He is pushing Congress to enact a three-pronged approach that calls for toughened security at the border, aggressive interior enforcement and a temporary guest-worker program.

Undocumented aliens

Bush has not detailed plans for dealing with the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants, but Labor Secretary Elaine Chao told Congress in October that undocumented residents would be allowed to participate in a temporary worker program after paying "substantial" fines.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff has ruled out mass deportation of aliens, saying it would cost "billions and billions and billions of dollars," with enormous legal and logistical complications.

Guest-worker program

• Would allow temporary workers to register for a fixed period and then return home. Bush originally proposed renewable visas for up to six years.

• Would not create an automatic path to citizenship.

• Proposes increasing the number of green cards.

Enforcement

• Increase border patrol agents, expand detention space for apprehended aliens and have high-tech surveillance on the border.

• Expedite return of illegal aliens to their home countries.

• End the controversial catch-and-release policy in which immigrants from countries other than Mexico are released pending hearings and typically fail to return.

• Improve and expand barriers in strategic locations, but no full-length fence along the U.S.-Mexico border.

• Beef up worksite enforcement, particularly in critical facilities such as nuclear and chemical plants.

HOUSE PLAN

Passed on Dec. 16 by 239-182, after House members rejected inclusion of a guest-worker program.

Plan aims to end illegal immigration through more aggressive enforcement, tougher penalties on employers and aliens, and greater controls at the border.

Key features

• Tougher penalties on illegal immigrants and employers.

• Require employers to contact a nationwide database to verify authenticity of employee numbers.

• End the catch-and-release policy, requiring all aliens apprehended at the border to be detained until returned to their home countries.

• Create a 700-mile, two-layered fence in parts of California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas at a cost of $2.2 billion.

• Require the Department of Homeland Security to develop a national strategy for border security.

• Increased penalties for alien smuggling, gang members.

• Increase the number of border patrol agents, expand detention space for apprehended aliens; high-tech border surveillance.

• Reimburses sheriffs in 29 border counties for enforcing immigration laws and detaining illegal aliens.

• Deport legal aliens convicted of multiple drunk driving offenses.

• Requires all Border Patrol uniforms, many of which have been made in Mexico, to be made in the United States.

• Gives the Department of Homeland Security 18 months after enactment to secure operational control of the border.

SENATE PROPOSALS

The Senate is focusing on two comprehensive bills that include a guest-worker plan and legalization for undocumented aliens, and a separate enforcement-oriented measure pushed by Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn. One comprehensive bill was passed by the Senate Judiciary Committee. A similar plan is based on a compromise co-sponsored by Sens. Mel Martinez, R-Fla., and Chuck Hagel, R-Nebraska. All three major bills, including Frist's, call for basically the same approach in toughening security and enforcement.

Highlights of the Senate Judiciary plan include:

Undocumented aliens

• Illegal aliens in the United States as of January 2004, can apply for a six-year visa. They must work, show good character, pay $2,000 and pass background checks to get a green card after six years.

• After getting their green card, they could apply for citizenship in five years.

The Martinez-Hagel plan has the same requirements for those in the country five years or longer. But illegal immigrants in the country between two to five years must go through a port of entry to apply to become temporary workers. Those in the country less than two years would return home under both plans, but they, too, could apply for temporary work visas.

Guest-worker program

Offers three-year visas, renewable once for three years. Workers can apply for permanent residency after four years or return home when their visas expire.

Enforcement

• Increases border patrols, inspectors and detainment facilities.

• Boosts penalties and expands high-tech surveillance.

Left field looneys back at baseball games

By JOE SPRUMONT
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opinion writer

The Bison baseball team has had a good deal of success in recent years. Two years ago, the team went 20-17, had the best record in the conference, and hosted the PAC Tournament, where they ultimately lost in the semi-finals.

Last season, the squad bettered their win total by going 23-17, and once again reached the conference semi-finals. Since the conference tournament (which takes the top four teams in conference play) began in 1993, Bethany is the only team to qualify every year.

This season, however, the team has struggled, going just 7-19 (4-5) as of press time, and the tournament appearance streak is in jeopardy. While the players and coaches are making adjustments to improve on the field, a select group of Bethany fans have made an effort to help the team from just off the field.

The "Left Field Looneys", a rowdy pack of students who historically enjoy baseball and boozing, have reemerged at Bethany Park. Due to an altercation with an opposing player in which ice was thrown onto the field, the Looneys were removed from their spot behind the left field fence late in the 2004 season.

Not only were these fans no longer allowed to watch the game from behind the fence, but their kegs were banned from the park as well. Being that this cheering section is fueled by alcohol, they became depressed and disoriented.

Then, last season, two of the looniest looneys, Chris Stephens and James Wallace, decided to suit up for the Bison baseball team. Without their spot, kegs, or their leaders, the looneys sadly disappeared.

However, after Stephens and Wallace decided not to play this season, and the Bison record began to slip, the looneys returned in full force (minus the kegs) this past weekend against W&J. After soldiering up to Washington, PA on Saturday, April 8, 2006 and helping the Bison split a double header with the Presidents, who are 19-5 (7-2) - both conference bests, the looneys were in full effect the next day, as Bethany dropped the hard-fought rubber match 12-7.

Occupying the fence down the left field line this time, the looneys began heckling W&J before the first pitch was thrown, and didn't stop until their team bus rolled out of the parking lot. The looneys do more than just scream derogatory remarks at the visiting team. They give the Bison an exciting home field advantage and bring more fans out to the games.

"I appreciate that the looneys are back at our games," said senior pitcher Jake Dailer. "The extra fan support from our students helps us play harder."

This crazy bunch isn't a bunch of college kids looking for a party, either. Much like the "Cameron Crazies" at Duke, or the "Pittsburgh Zoo" at Pitt basketball games, these students know their involvement impacts the game, and, in the case of Stephens, Wallace, and many members of the men's basketball team, is a way to thank the baseball team for their support during basketball season.

"The looneys bring a sense of home field advantage to the team," Stephens said. "The players always seem to feed off the crowd. All the players showed their support during basketball season, so we want to return the favor and help them gain an advantage when they play at their home field."

Wallace echoed his partner-in-crime's statement.

"It's fun to support the baseball team and cheer them on to victory," he said. "I know how great it is to play in front of this type of crowd encouragement, and it's nice to support our friends on the baseball team after they have supported us all basketball season."

With three crucial home games remaining, the Bison need your support more than ever, and it's comforting to players and fans alike that the loyal looneys will be there to lead the cheers for the pursuit of another PAC Tournament berth, and, hopefully, a PAC Title.

If you're interested, stop down at Bethany Park and head toward the left field line. And remember to bring your own beverages this time around.

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Booze, cruise and you lose

By MATT CARROLL
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At roughly 2 a.m. on Monday April 10, 2006, a 22-year old Wheeling resident and Bethany College student flipped his 1993 Buick Station Wagon and his life upside down. He had been out drinking at a local bar in Wheeling for most of the evening with a close friend and a few coworkers. He was living the life that many college students live, only this time he paid the price.

He fractured two vertebrates in his neck and will be in a neck brace for four to six weeks. He totaled his car, had to move home from his apartment, will be off work for a month, and he lost his fiancée.

I cannot remember what made me get behind the wheel of my car that night, or where I was even going. The last thing I remember was being in a bar, then crawling out of my car to meet a few police officers and paramedics at the scene. I had driven many times before in the condition I was in, only this time I wasn't as lucky as before.

Life is all about pressure and how we handle it. Obviously we can see I handled it by drinking. I joined a fraternity at Bethany, and I don't blame them for any of this. The only thing I can say is that living this close to a bar might have given me the impression I could always make it home. In fact I used to pride myself on that fact. I could always find a way to make it home.

I had many chances to prevent Sunday night from occurring. I had a good friend who was more than willing to drive me home, and at one point I almost handed him my keys. However, I thought I had things under control. As a college student at this institution, I think we are all trained that we should have everything under control at all times. We are taught to think critically at every turn and to challenge ourselves with multiple classes, tasks, and numerous responsibilities. We are taught that only the strong survive.

Sometimes strength is not enough. Sometimes, as a classic song goes: "You got to know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em, know when to walk away and know when to run." Well I should have walked away from this situation a long time ago. But it took almost dying to make me. I just hope that it doesn't happen to you, or your best friend, or anyone you know.

I had a nurse in the hospital ask me if that Superman cape I wore when I was five years old just didn't work anymore, and all I could do was force out a slight chuckle and a grin. I always knew what I was doing was wrong, but it took a higher power to sit me down and show me the truth. I always used to think that God was watching me all those times I made it home safely, but maybe he wasn't really watching until Sunday night.

I have a second chance, and I hope none of you reading this ever need that second chance. If you do things right the first time around, it's all you need. I think maybe I got all those second chances from people who knew better than to need them.

So remember this story the next time you are at the bar or at a party and you think you can drive. Most times you can't, sometimes you can, but all the time you shouldn't.

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A break up story

By ZACH MACORMAC
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Have you found love in your life? I did. Well, at least I thought I did.

For over two years, I loved a girl and she woke me up at 10 am Tuesday to tell me that she thinks we need to go our separate ways. I was absolutely shocked. I thought everything was fine, but apparently I was doing something wrong.

She goes to a school about 30 minutes from Bethany and I try to contact her as much as I can, but on some nights, doing so can be difficult.

Here was her reasoning behind breaking it off: she believed that we did not have enough fun together because I have more fun with my friends. This led her to the conclusion that the both of us can have more fun with other people. Ouch!

How did she come to that? Last Saturday night, she came over to celebrate my friend's birthday. He and I went to Red Robin and then she joined us for some ice cream at Turtle Twist. That morning, however, I had to go to work at Kmart at 8 am. I was out by 9 pm. My fatigue seemed to offend her and she left.

This brings me to Sunday night. I needed to help my friend with studying for our Human Communication test. At 1 am when I walked back to my room, I was confused to find that she did not call me as she usually would.

I did not get to bed until late and, consequently, I was extremely tired Monday night. I fell asleep early, but still no call from her even though I left my phone by my bed where I would hear it.

It may seem stupid that I wait for her to call, but understand that she is never in her room and it costs money for me to call her, but it is free for her to call me, since she is out of the area.

Tuesday came and I went to check my pay from Kmart and she calls me and does the deed. Man, I was in a good mood, too! Fourteen hours of sleep and knowing that it's payday. That wrecked it.

To make myself feel better, I played some volleyball on Richardson Lawn and tried to make some new friends despite the sad feeling I had on the inside. I went to Human Development to find that I got a very good grade on my Child Observation Report, but still, my mood did not rise.

That whole day, I felt like doo-doo. I tried to have fun, but I could not help feeling down.

My point, exactly? Why should I feel this way? Everyone tells me the same thing. "Maybe it's right," "You're young... there are more fish in the sea," and, "Just go down to Bubba's and pick yourself up a drunk chick. You'll feel guilty in the long run, but it'll feel oh-so-good now." Maybe they're right. After all, I could have it much worse. I mean, what if she cheated on me after, say, five years? Yeah... that would suck.

I could just date around. That piece of advice seems to be most popular. But let's be honest. Look at my mugshot next to that byline. Would you kiss that? Dating is harder than it seems for me. My now ex-girlfriend was the only relationship I had in my whole life. She's very pretty, too. I still have no idea how I managed to woo her into my arms. Luck, maybe?

Why write this opinion article? I have multiple reasons.

First, I just hate that bullcrap advice that people give. I can never just date around or tell myself that everything is right. Let's look at this realistically. She broke up with me for someone else - but she doesn't know who yet. How is that not a straight punch into the genitalia?

Second, why do people always expect me to be moping all day long? One thing that people will see with me is that I am a rather unemotional and I avoid being dramatic when possible. Sure, the whole situation has got me down, but I'll be fine. After all, I could have it much worse.

Third, this week, I was expecting all of the seniors of the TOWER staff to write their final words and fill these pages, but they dumped out on me. So here I am publishing my feelings for the whole campus to read because I couldn't think of anything else. Why not? It is pretty much all that's on my mind at the moment.

Fourth, if you actually do feel sympathy for my situation, then you can give me a hug. Come on, who doesn't like a hug even if they are not in a ego-destroying situation? I don't need advice or someone to go chew her out online or whatever. Just a hug will work. A conversation is always fun, too.

Fifth, I just want everyone to understand that this isn't just a cry for attention. I seriously don't have anything else I want to write about.

In these final words, I would like you to remember what I said when you're in a situation like this. Sitting around and crying about it for a week does not solve anything. In a stressful situation, keep your cool and stay optimistic. There are more important things to worry about. Those things are senior projects, comps, making sure your core requirements are taken care of, and most importantly, your grades.

Oh yeah! Good luck to all seniors. Don't fail at life and stuff.

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Nintendo is all about the family

By SEAN CROSSLEY
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With their systems, Sony and Microsoft have been said to have their focus mainly on adult gamers. Nintendo, on the other hand, gets the bad rap of just looking to kids as their audience. Sure the Gamecube looked like it was made for a kid with the option of getting it in purple and its handle, but there have been some very adult games for it. With the DS out now and the Revolution coming out later this year, Nintendo isn't opting to gear towards adults or kids, but all members of the family.

One game that truly shows this view was released in stores this week. The game I'm talking about is "Brain Age: Train Your Brain In Minutes A Day" for the Nintendo DS. This game, which has become very popular overseas in Japan, has the player perform a number of problem-solving activities that make them think as fast as possible. One such task is having the player say the colors of the words that appear on the screen when the words are names of a completely different color into the built-in microphone on the DS. Other activities include solving simple math problems fast and quickly counting the number of syllables in a sentence. This game is definitely for members of the family because all an adult member of a family has to know how to is write numbers using the DS touch screen. "Brain Age" also includes the very popular number crossword puzzle in both Japan and the United States, called Sudoku. The price of "Brain Age" is very affordable too at the price of $19.99. The sequel to "Brain Age," "Big Brain Academy," will be released this summer.

Nintendo's next-generation console, which is still code named "Revolution," has a big opportunity to allow all members of the family to play video games. The main reason, the Revolution's controller.

The Revolution controller basically looks like a remote control for a TV or a DVD player. This will allow those in the family who do not play video games often to use a device that is somewhat familiar to them. The fact that the controller is also motion-sensitive creates a way for the player to actually perform an action instead of just pressing a button. This will allow game developers to create games anyone can play. Just picture a grandfather playing a fishing game with his grandchildren using the controller as a fishing rod. All he has to do is lift the controller up like he's about to cast the reel then move his arm forward to release the line.

With systems and games like these, there's no doubt that more and more people who did not play video games in the past will definitely play them in the future.

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The Motion of John Wyatt Edgar

By JOHN-MARK KING
TOWER lifestyles editor

There isn't a whole lot to do in the Ohio Valley besides go to area coffee shops, watch television, drinking, partying, and all that good stuff. But lets face it, that stuff gets old after awhile. One Bethany College student, John Wyatt Edgar, has found himself recording his own music.

A native of Martins Ferry, Ohio, Edgar has been making his own music since he was in seventh grade. Most of his early works were only instrumental recordings and it was not until 2000. Before "The Motion," his most recent release, Edgar recorded two other albums named "How To Be Cool" and "Kingdom of Fools." Since then, Edgar has played for a few cover bands, but claims they never really worked out that well.

"The Motion" is a fourteen track CD that Edgar wrote himself. Drums, guitars, vocals and synthesizer is all Edgar's own doing. He began writing the album during 2004 and finished it during his summer of 2005. Some of the album was recorded in his dorm room at Bethany and other areas such as: Pleasant Grove, Dillonvale, and Martins Ferry, Ohio.

Edgar uses the programs Adobe Audition, Fruity Loops, and Hammerhead to loop his drum tracks. After reviewing "The Motion," if I had to choose three tracks I personally think tracks: two, nine and thirteen are the best of John's CD. They seem to portray the darker side of the CD and I guess I just like to hear what most of us think but never really tell anyone about our dark sides.

When asked what gave him the inspiration and passion to make another album he simply stated, "I felt it was just time to make another CD…and 50 Cent inspired me a little bit to do it as well."

What inspires Edgar to play music, other then 50 Cent, is music from Trent Resnor, Nine Inch Nails, and Duran Duran, who Edgar claims, "Are the most underrated band." Although he says most of the influences are not heard in the CD itself, it is what keeps him continuing to want to do music and make his CD's

Edgar is working on a side project with his friend Paul Aragon, a former Bethany student. His side project named "Piercing The Rosebud," is going to consist around clever jabs at themselves, as well as, friends and their relationships that they have all experienced with different girls. Each song will be of a different genre depending on how the mood of how each relationship went.

For example, one track entitled "Tonight The Innocent Will Burn," is, and I quote Paul Aragon, "About a bipolar bitch who was dating our pushover friend," with different styles for the different moods in the song.

To contact Edgar about his music or even a copy of his CD email him at jedgar@bethanywv.edu and be sure to check him out at www.myspace.com/spongemagnet where you can listen to songs that are not on the his newest album.

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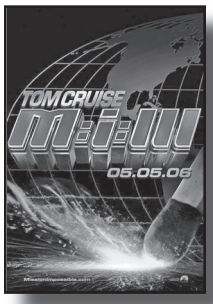
Coming to the box office

By RYAN SULLIVAN
TOWER staff writer

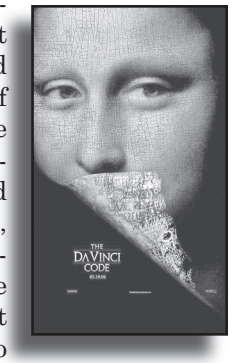
Well, this is the last movie review for me, so I figured I'd do something extra big and blockbustery…and cover the big blockbusters. So here we go.

Mission Impossible 3:Super-spy Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) has retired from active duty to trains new IMF agents. But he is called back into action to confront the toughest villain he's ever faced - Owen Davian (Philip Seymour Hoffman), an international weapons and information provider with no remorse and no conscience. Hunt assembles his team - his old friend Luther Strickell (Ving Rhames), transportation expert Declan (Jonathan Rhys Meyers), background operative Zhen (Maggie Q), and fresh recruit Lindsey (Keri Russell) - to travel the globe pursuing Davian and rescue Hunt's love, Julia (Michelle Monaghan). While I'm, in no hurry to see Mr. Scientology (even with his new baby girl), I am anxious to see Philip Seymour Hoffman as the bad guy. But seriously, attacking Matt Lauer? Who does that?



X-Men 3: A "cure" for mutancy (which doesn't show up in the dictionary) threatens to alter the course of history. For the first time, mutants have a choice: retain their uniqueness, though it isolates and alienates them, or give up their powers and become human. The opposing viewpoints of mutant leaders Charles Xavier, who preaches tolerance, and Magneto, who believes in the survival of the fittest, are put to the ultimate test--triggering the war to end all wars. Many people ask if this is the "last" movie. I merely point out the title. Being a die-hard comic book fan, I of course will see this movie…even if my favorite character is supposed to die.

The Da Vinci Code: The murder of a curator at the Louvre reveals a sinister plot to uncover a secret that has been protected since the days of Christ. Only the victim's granddaughter and Robert Langdon, a famed symbologist, can untangle the clues he left behind. The duo become both suspects and detectives searching for not only the murderer but also the stunning secret of the ages he was charged to protect. I love Ron Howard. I love Tom Hanks. I loved the book. I'm going. Do I think this storyline is anything but fiction? Nope, the writer Dan Brown has said so. The Vatican has been holding an all out war on this book and movie, which seems a bad course of action. Anyhow, go and see the film, it's a mystery movie, not a documentary.



My pick for the summer:

Superman Returns: Following a mysterious absence of several years, the Man of Steel, Superman, comes back to Earth--but things have changed. While an old enemy plots to render him powerless once and for all, Superman faces the heartbreaking realization that the woman he loves, Lois Lane, has moved on with her life. Or has she? Superman's bittersweet return challenges him to bridge the distance between them while finding a place in a society that has learned to survive without him. In an attempt to protect the world he loves from cataclysmic destruction, Superman embarks on an epic journey of redemption that takes him from the depths of the ocean to the far reaches of outer space. The man has one half of super-hero in his name. It picks up where "Superman 2" left off, so it's a partial retelling. If this does as well as "Batman Begins", we'll get a "Batman/Superman" 2 part movie, and that makes the comic book nerd in me get all wiggly.

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Photo by Brian Harkin/Dallas Morning News

Karen Campbell juggles a bowl of salad and her bible during a faith-based dieting program meeting at Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall, Texas, Monday March 13, 2006. Campbell has been in the the program for a year and says she has lost 20 pounds in that time.

God is their weight-loss guru

By ELLISE PIERCE
For The TOWER

It's 7 on a Thursday night, and in room 130 at Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall, Texas, the weekly weigh-in has begun. Linda Mitter, 50, who has brought tonight's snack, a Nigella Lawson-worthy, fat-free, sugar-free trifle, steps off the silver digital scale, disappointed. Although she's a size 10, down from a 14, she would like to lose 10 more pounds.

> *'I need to trust in God for help in this area, and every other area of my life'*
>
> - Linda Mitter

"I need to trust in God for help in this area, and every other area of my life," says Mitter, a post-office clerk. "Without him, I couldn't do it."

Mitter firmly believes that, which is why she is in the First Place program, a Christian weight-loss plan that focuses on reward and prayer. It's one of a number of faith-based diets on the market today, all touting divine intervention as the key to weight loss. Lake Pointe's First Place program has proven so popular, the church offers nine classes every week, including classes for men and couples.

In front of the others, Mitter perfectly recites the week's Bible verse, from Colossians 3:23: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."

For this, she receives $5 in play money, which she can spend on a maniedi or a Bath & Body Works gift basket, among other donated goodies at a "victory banquet" seven weeks from now, when this session is over.

In the First Place program, dieters receive one of the fake $5 bills for attending each meeting; for turning in their First Place Commitment Record, a daily food journal; and for each five pounds lost.

Mitter, like the other three women here and their leader, Elizabeth Freeman, has been on the First Place diet for six weeks, and she says it works because it has the spiritual component that most diets lack.

"How many diets have we been on?" says Freeman, handing a pink star key chain with the number 5 to one woman, and a red star with 10 to another, who has lost 10 pounds so far. "Weight Watchers is a good program, but there's so much more going for us here. We have each other, we have God. Weight Watchers doesn't have God. God's gonna keep on with us, cheering us on. He's our cheerleader."

Deaf, dumb, and the delight of the Lord

Editor's Note: This article was re-printed from the book College Faith.

Engraved in my wedding band is the phrase 8/13/60 Psalm 37:23.My wife Pat and I took that as our verse when we stared dating. I was an eighteen-year-old college student; she was sixteen, a high-school student in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Our Lord certainly directed our steps in bringing us together.

On the day I arrived on campus I was a typical freshman, scared and alone. I knew few people. As I stood outside the dining hall waiting for the doors to open my very first day, an upperclassman come over and said "My name is Vernon. I believe you know yours." He was a strange one! The next thing out of his mouth was: "I want you to be my deaf and dumb brother." Now our deaf friends are truly very intelligent, but I knew what he wanted to try and pull off so I said, "No way!" To my dismay he called over a crowed of students and introduced me accordingly. I didn't know what to do so I just smiled and waved. They were so gullible.

This charade went on all day. I went to the basketball game that evening, and since everyone on campus was talking about this student who couldn't speak or hear, I couldn't cheer. As I stood by myself after the game, across that gym floor came the prettiest teenage girl I had ever seen.

Pat Landers headed straight for me with eyes flashing. Suddenly, her hands were flashing, too! She was signing to me, for she worked with people who were deaf in the Highland Park Baptist Church. Pat had heard about this student who couldn't speak or hear. I got red from the neck up and it took her just about ten seconds to find out I wasn't deaf. We got married three and a half years later, and she still says I'm the dumbest fellow she ever met.

I don't necessarily recommend this approach to our students meeting a future mate. However, it is my privilege to assure them that our God of grace, who must have a great sense of humor, does direct our steps.

The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. Psalm 37:23

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Religious activities around campus this week:

Sunday

10:45 a.m. Bethany Memorial
10 a.m. St. John Fisher
6:30 p.m. St. John Fisher

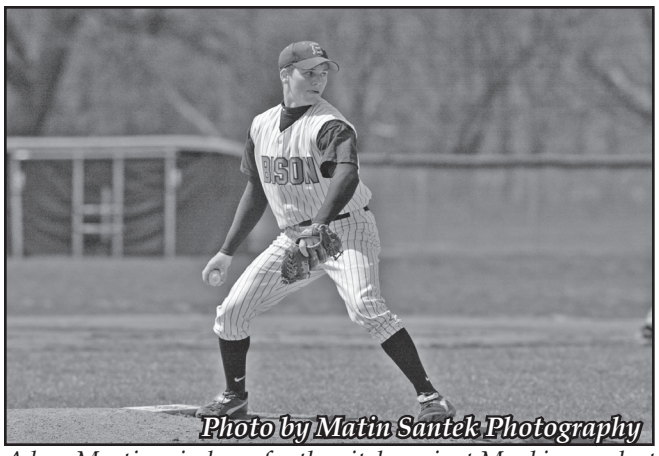
Wednesday

6:30 p.m. The Well Meets in Maxwell's

Thursday

7 p.m. ADOC Meets in Maxwell's

Bethany baseball bounces back



Adam Martin winds up for the pitch against Muskingum last week. At press time, the Bison stand at 7-19 on the season.

By JUSTIN MACKEY
TOWER sports writer

Thomas Moore scored a combined 36 runs in the two games prior to playing the Green and White. The Saints ran in 13 more in a 13-6 win over the Bison. The match up was a close one until Thomas Moore scored 8 runs in the top of the seventh inning. The loss didn't phase the Bison. The Bethany players put up quite a fight against a tough opponent and realized their capabilities. Coach Carver seemed optimistic after the loss, considering the talent on the Saints' team. Three of the top hitters stepped up to the plate wearing black and gold.

According to Carver, "It was a loss. A team beat us. We didn't beat ourselves. This is something we can accept and not dwell on. We tip our caps to Thomas Moore."

After the loss, the Saints would be the ones tipping caps. Bethany swept Thomas Moore on Saturday by the scores of 3-2 and 6-4. Pitching ruled both sides for the first game of the doubleheader. The Bison were headed by pitcher, Adam Martin. The Green and White struck first with a single by Ryan Simmons bringing in Rich Majewski. Bethany shut out the Saints until the fourth when Thomas Moore fought back with 2 runs. The Bison tied the score in the sixth when a double by Justin Waychoff brought Brent Owens home to score. The game went to extra innings and the Bison's defense lead by Adam Martin held the last 13 batters scoreless. The game ended in dramatic fashion when Waychoff slid across home plate to win the game for the Bison.

During the next game the Bison proved it was not luck that sealed their first victory. They established dominance early om by scoring 2 runs in the second inning to take the lead. Waychoff was brought home by an Owens single, and Owens crossed the plate a second time thanks to a Milton Joyner single. Thomas Moore struck back in the third with a run but Aaron Meadows cracked a two run homer to extend the lead to 4-1. Joyner returned to stats sheet in the fourth inning to slam a solo home run. It was Joyner's first home run in a Green and White uniform. The Bison made their first error of the game in the fifth and allowed 3 runs to come in to cut the lead to 5-4. The sixth run came in the sixth inning and would be the last score of the game.

The Bethany defense controlled the last innings of the game to seal the victory.

The entire series was a success despite the first loss. Bethany's play this weekend showed huge improvement. Coach Carver explains that better pitching and more timely hitting led to the pair of victories. Momentum has definitely swung in the Bison's favor and the Green and White control their own destiny. The fate of the season lays in the gloves and bats of the Bethany players. At the time of press, the game against Otterbein College was still in progress.

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Golfers place 4th

By BRIAN ROSE
For The TOWER

GROVE CITY, Pa. – Bethany College junior Brian Lish shot 79 this afternoon to help pace the Bison men's golf team to a fourth place finish out of eight teams at the Grove City (Pa.) College Invitational.

The Invitational, which was held at the Grove City Country Club, was won by Westminster (Pa.) College, who shot 310 to defeat Grove City by three shots. Waynesburg (Pa.) College fired 326 and the Bison were next with 330. Grove City's Tyler Fitch earned medalist honors after carding a 68.

Leading BC was Lish, who led his team for the fourth consecutive tournament and cracked into the 70s for the first time. He scored 41 on the front nine, then charged in from the final nine holes with a 38.

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Softball team sweeps Theil Tomcats

By RENEE COLEMAN
TOWER sports writer

The Lady Bison had to give the Thiel Tomcats mercy as they took both games of a doubleheader in only five innings each on Thursday April, 13. Bethany took game one by a score of 13-2 and game two ended with a score of 9-0. The win gave Bethany a 3-3 conference record and an improved record of 13-17.

Thiel started the game with two runs crossing the plate in the first but Bethany struck back in the second with four runs of their own. Getting RBI's for the green and white were left fielder Elexis Riggle, right fielder Niki Zalaznik and center fielder Emily Patton. But this four run inning was just a warm-up for the Bison as they slammed 11 hits for nine runs with 14 different batters in the fourth inning. Seven Bison drove in runs, including back-to-back triples from third baseman Heather Henthorn and Riggle.

Winning the game for Bethany was pitcher Angie DeSantis who went all five innings striking out seven, while allowing only two runs on four hits. DeSantis now stands with a 5-7 record.

Being perfect from the plate was Henthorn with a 3-for-3 day, with two runs and a RBI. Having three RBI's on two hits was Patton and Riggle who had two hits, two RBI's, and two runs for the day. Second baseman Sami Steele scored three runs on two hits and first baseman Chelsea Hall scored two runs. Rounding out the strong hitting for the day was catcher Colleen Kelly, who scored two and knocked in one.

Game two was highlighted by pitcher Heather Immesberger throwing her first career shut-out, while allowing only three hits and striking out five. With the win Immesberger evened out her record to 5-5. Bethany pulled ahead 3-0 in the third with Zalaznik, catcher Kara O'Dell, and Henthorne bringing in runs. During the next two innings the Bison added five more runs to their lead, with O'Dell

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Center fielder Emily Patton fields a hars hit ball in the Lady Bison win over Theil Thursday, April 13.

Tennis snags victory, heads to PAC tourney

Photo by Matin Santek Photography

Senior Jason Brun returns a volley during Monday's win over Washington & Jefferson. Brun picked up a win in No. 4 singles and in No. 2 doubles with teammate Brian Cerullo.

By IAN HICKS
TOWER sports writer

Despite a somewhat disappointing record, the Bison men's tennis team will be heading into this weekend's PAC championships on a high note after barely edging a struggling Washington & Jefferson squad by a score of 5-4.

Monday's victory was Bethany's second this season over W&J, and brought their record to 3-8 on the year. With the loss, the Presidents fell to 0-14.

The Bison were slow out of the gate, dropping their first two singles matches. W&J's Gary Tan defeated John McLane in straight sets, both by scores of 6-1. Match number two was not much better, seeing McLane's brother Joe also going down in straight sets.

Bethany turned the tide, however, in the third match as the Bison's Brian Cerrulo won a three-set nail-biter over the Presidents' Matt Riddle. After dropping the first set 0-6, Cerrulo came storming back, winning the second set and taking a third-set tiebreak to earn the Bison their first win of the afternoon.

Victories by Jason Brun and Robert Lowe made the score 3-all heading into doubles play. The McLane tandem continued to struggle, losing the first doubles match by a score of 8-2. Down 4-3, the Bison reached down deep, however, and brought home their third victory of the season by virtue of wins by Cerullo and Brun and Hayes and Lowe.

The 5-4 triumph snapped a string of three consecutive losses by the Bison. At press time, Bethany still had one remaining match against conference rival Thiel, to whom the Bison fell by a score of 9-0 on April 10. Currently, the Bison's conference record stands at a lackluster 1-5; however, anything is possible once the conference championships begin. With a strong finish to the regular season, there is no reason to think that Bethany cannot surprise everyone and make a run at a conference title.

The 2006 PAC Men's Tennis Championships will be held today and Saturday at the Pennbriar Fitness and Racquet Club in Erie, Pennsylvania. Grove City goes into the tournament as defending champions and this year's top seed with a spotless 6-0 conference record. Bethany will be looking to improve on their last place finish in 2005.

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Tennis Results

SINGLES

1. Gary Tan (W&J) d. John McLane (BET) 6-1, 6-1
2. Jeff Tomaino (W&J) d. Joe McLane (BET) 6-1, 6-4
3. Brian Cerrulo (BET) d. Matt Riddle (W&J) 0-6, 6-4, 7-6 (5)
4. Jason Brun (BET) d. Sheelen Patel (W&J) 6-0, 6-4
5. Luke Belsky (W&J) d. David Hayes (BET) 6-1, 6-1
6. Robert Lowe (BET) d. Jon Marnell (W&J) 6-2, 7-3

DOUBLES

1. Tomaino/Tan (W&J) d. McLane/McLane (BET) 8-2
2. Cerullo/Brun (BET) d. Riddle/Patel (W&J) 8-2
3. Hayes/Lowe (BET) d. Belsky/Marnell (W&J) 8-4

Two qualify for ECAC track

TOWER staff reports

Bethany College junior Herman Nuckols highlighted a strong meet by Bison competitors at Saturday's Slippery Rock (Pa.) University Invitational, as he qualified for the ECAC Championship meet in two events and broke one school record.

Nuckols first qualified for ECAC's in the 200-meter dash, he placed 11th overall and third among Division III competitors with a time of 22.10 seconds. Not only did he easily surpass the qualifying standard, which is 22.54 seconds, Nuckols also broke the Bethany school record in the event. The previous mark of 22.44 seconds was set by Jamie Rogerson and had stood since 1992.

In addition to Nuckols, McNeill qualified as an individual for the ECAC meet. He equaled the meet's qualifying standard in the 100 by breaking the tape in 11.18 seconds. Overall, he placed 26th out of 58 runners but was 10th among DIII sprinters.

A third Bison just missed qualifying for the postseason as well. In the high jump, Marcus Adams tied for fourth overall after he cleared 6-2, just three-quarters of a inch shy of the ECAC requirements.

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Lish's 79 tied him for 11th place overall with three other golfers.

Two other Bison players also posted their best scores of the season. Junior Kris Simmons fired 38 on the front nine on his way to an 82, three strokes better than his previous low. Senior Tyler Kowcheck took one off his previous best by shooting 83 (43-40).

Bethany's final scorer was sophomore Brandon Tonkovich, who finished at 86, due in large part to the 38 he fired on the back nine.

The Bison hit the links again on Thursday, April 20 when they play at the Waynesburg Invitational.

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leading the way with four RBI's and going 3-for-4 for the day.

Before making a clean shave of the Tomcats, the Bison fell hard to the Washington & Jefferson Presidents in double-header play. W&J came from behind in the last two innings of game one to take the win 4-2. The green and white collected five hits in the defeat with O'Dell and Patton collecting one double each. Suffering the loss was DeSantis who gave up two earned runs, as well as two unearned, on eight hits in six innings.

Game two started off with a bang as O'Dell sent her second homer over the fence to give the Bison the lead in the first. The Presidents would tie the game up in the second and it stayed deadlocked until the fifth when Bethany re-took the lead when shortstop Romney Waters crossed the plate on a O'Dell double. W&J overtook the Bison 5-2 during a sixth inning rally, that included three hits and a two run double. But the green and white cut the lead to within one during the seventh when O'Dell smashed one into right field for a two run homer, her second of the day.

Having a great day was O'Dell who went 3-for-4 with two runs and four RBI's. Coming behind O'Dell was Waters who collected two hits and two runs. Getting credit for the loss was Immesberger who threw all six innings and struck out five and walked one. She also gave up six runs on 12 hits.

Bethany will be traveling to Thomas More (Kentucky) for conference action on Saturday, followed by home games against Allegheny and Grove City.

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