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Road construction in Bethany

Bethany citizens looking for improvement

LORA HUFFMAN
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As students ventured back to begin a new year at Bethany, they may have questioned the ditches, bulldozers and dust. This is a result of Bethany undergoing renovations to improve the community for all residents.

Planning for a major sanitation upgrade in Bethany began two years ago and is now in full swing. Students and residents have noticed throughout the town the various roadblocks and construction equipment.

"We realize this is causing some temporary inconvenience. But, the

good news is that in the long run this is going to mean students and residence will have fewer problems with water and sanitation," voiced town council member Patrick Sutherland.

The construction in the town of Bethany is composed of two phases. Phase one includes the digging of ditches for new sewer pipes to be installed. Phase two is the actual filtration system being installed and operated near the soccer fields. Both phases were mandated by the State and the Environmental Protection Agency.

This project's total cost is approximately 2-3 million dollars. Bethany

acquired bonds in order to pay for this major reconstruction of the town. Full-time residents will continue to pay their monthly fee as well as temporary residents (students) paying an annual fee. This will assist the town in the repayment of the bonds received.

For now, the residents have been very positive in dealing with the mess associated with the problem.

"Other than it being real dusty, it has not really bothered me," College Inn Owner Larry Evans expressed. The town council hopes that all residents continue to be as understanding in this time of change.

Manchin sets special legislative session

TOWER staff reports

Governor Joe Manchin signed a proclamation calling the members of the legislature into special session, beginning at noon on Wednesday.

The main goals of the special session are to continue to pay down our debt, increase teachers pay to keep our best and brightest educators, and reduce the state's food tax, the governor said. These items are important to continue moving West Virginia forward.

The governor's proposed agenda includes legislation that will dedicate an excess of \$93 million additional dollars towards debt reduction, increasing the funding level to 90 percent for the Trooper A retirement plan and bringing the total additional debt payments made since the Governor took office to \$318 million dollars, saving the taxpayers at least twice that amount in future interest payments.

In the area of teacher's pay, the governor proposes a raise of \$1,350 per

teacher this year plus benefits (amounting to \$38,320,000), plus a one-time payment of \$24 million to the state's retirement fund to keep this raise from adding to the debt that already exist in our teacher's retirement system.

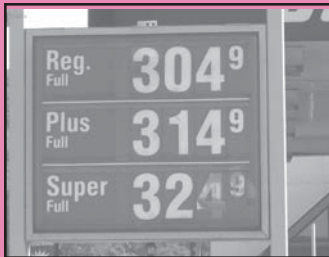
In addition, Governor Manchin is committed to filling in the missing steps of the teacher's current annual experience increment system by investing an additional \$77 million - starting this year and continuing during the next three years. The increment system has been in place for many years but never before has taken into account providing increments throughout a teacher's entire career.

Funding these steps will help us to keep our most experienced teachers in West Virginia and also reward those who have furthered their education, the governor said. This will also make us much more competitive with other states and ensure that we have the best teachers to educate the workforce that we need for the

jobs that should and will be in West Virginia in the 21st Century. This four-year teacher compensation package, the first comprehensive plan to be proposed in over 15 years, is something we believe is a significant step in the right direction and is the right thing to do.

As for the food tax, Governor Manchin is committed to a one percent reduction of the tax this year with the goal of eliminating the tax during his administration. This tax must be reduced and eventually eliminated, but in a responsible manner, stated the governor. Our state cannot afford for decisions to be made based upon what is politically popular, we need, and the people deserve, for decisions to be made based upon what is financially sound both now and in the future. This proposal is financially sound.

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High gas prices hurting our wallets

JULIE DAVIS
staff writer

Visiting home less often, carpooling to student teaching assignments or dusting off your old ten-speed bicycle. Everyone is constantly trying to find a way to beat the increasing gas prices that have climbed over three dollars a gallon. After the devastation along the Gulf Coast, nearly 95% of the production of Gulf Coast facilities were disrupted, causing gas prices to spike.

The average cost to fuel a vehicle with an average size tank (15 gallons) just one year ago would have only been \$28.24 – a completely affordable price. Since Hurricane Katrina destroying much of the Gulf Coast, however, that same fill-up would cost \$45.35.

The price at the pump has put a severe change in many Bethany students' daily activities. "[The] rising cost of gas prices has affected me in many ways. I am no longer driving to Wheeling at night and only leave campus when I'm working. Even then, I find somewhere to stay near there so I don't waste gas coming back to Bethany," sophomore psychology major Amy Di-bartolmeo said.

Students participating in the student teaching program at Bethany have also found ways to conserve gas by carpooling. Senior student teacher Scott Detwiler said he and two other Bethany student teachers that are

assigned to Warwood Middle School in Wheeling are taking turns driving two weeks at a time.

"It's a good idea to carpool to save money. It's a little bit of a hassle because of everyone having a different schedules, but it's the most effective," Detwiler said.

There is hope, however. According to CNN, gas prices fell Tuesday after peaking on Labor Day. The fear of shortages has also been quenched for the present moment as the process of repairing the refineries and pipelines in the Gulf of Mexico has begun.

Until the pipelines have been fully repaired and the price of gasoline begins to

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- Scott Detwiler



Prices continue to rise over three dollars a gallon for gas in the Ohio Valley.

fall back into an affordable range, many Bethany students will continue their routine of walking across campus and attending on campus events in order to keep entertained in this time of penny-pinching.

College council to get the next generation's opinion

BRIAN COOK
news editor

As the cost for gas continues to rise, the amount of young people in

America who speak out is increasing greatly. This upcoming semester WWVA, a Clear Channel Communication affiliate, in Wheeling will be hosting the College Council on their

daily Drive Home with host Steve Novotney.

Novotney plans on having the newspaper editors and student government officials from Bethany, West Liberty State College, Wheeling Jesuit University, Marshall University and West Virginia University all together to discuss important issues facing America today. The topics are going to be based on changing your major in college, graduate school, going into the armed services and whatever is happening in the world around us Novotney said.

"I want to get respect for you guys because one day the youth will be running our society," he said.

The idea of the College Council came last November when WWVA had election interns to help with the work involved in producing a live show devoted to real time election coverage. During this time college students from the surrounding area had the chance to share their opinions about the candidates and what they stood for, in regards to different policies. Novotney enjoyed having



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- Steve Novotney

the youth in the booth and realized they played a much bigger role in that election than any previous one. The goal is to be able to promote accountability of college students and maybe even promote talk radio at the college level.

WWVA plans to have students on air after school begins in September. The council will start off with just the named West Virginia schools, but Novotney anticipates that with some success more colleges in Ohio will want to participate as well. "I want that generation's opinion to play a role in talk radio at WWVA," Novotney stated.

WWVA intern and part-time employee Matt Carroll worked with Novotney this summer.

"Steve has an advantage in his field, he seems to really care about the community that he is working in. When I was on his show or just in the studio he really treated me like an equal," Carroll said.

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Beta Theta Pi Set for Recolonization

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This upcoming academic school year the Psi Chapter of Beta Theta Pi has been given the okay, with much alumni and national office support, to start the re-colonization process. Director of Expansion and Recruitment JB Sherpall for Beta was very excited to have as much alumni support as they have been given to start the process of reopening the Psi Chapter that closed during the spring 2003 semester.

"We don't want to be seen as competition," Sherpall said, in regards to the recent low RUSH numbers at Bethany, but he wants to "raise the bar." Beta will have many requirements before being re-

chartered on campus. They will have to abide by guidelines in cultivation of intellect, leadership development and self governance, commitment to community, membership education, responsible personal conduct, chapter advisors, member recruitment, communication and lifelong fraternal brotherhood that are available on the Beta national web site.

In January from the 5th-27th Sherpall and Beta alumni will come to Bethany for formal recruitment for the spring RUSH. Beta will then be giving open bids to initiate the

new member process. The consultant will stay in Bethany to watch over the colonization process and work as a mentor for the new members.

Sherpall stressed it can be a long process when re-colonizing a lost chapter. His long term goal is to have the Psi Chapter re-chartered in two to three years and have members living in the house at the beginning of the fall 2006 semester. Sherpall also noted that initiations would then be done at the Alpha chapter of Beta in Oxford, Ohio at the University

of Miami.

"There was no hesitation on bringing them (Beta) back as a part of our Greek system," Elizabeth Shelly, director of student life, said. She also noted bringing back Beta will be a challenge to other houses when recruiting. Shelly explained that houses are going to be forced to look at their recruiting and expand their process.

Shelly also stated Bethany is in the preliminary stages of expanding the Greek system a step further and bringing in another female Greek organization. She said first priority will be given to former organizations that were apart of Bethany, Kappa Delta and Pi Beta Phi. She said bringing in a new sorority is going to be a long process.



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In terms of the details on state employee pay raises - again, the governor focused on the importance of taking a responsible approach. We targeted employee groups who after five years of service were still only

making 25 percent of what their pay scale allowed (child protective services, correctional officers, etc.) as well as state troopers and allotted each of these employees a \$1,350 increase. Remaining state

employees will each be allotted \$900 increases. We also have developed a proposed pay grade schedule for executive appointments that gives us more flexibility to attract the best managerial candidates.

The bottom line is that we believe we have put a package together for all of these areas that is fair and that uses the state's resources as responsibly as possible, added the governor.

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Watching Paint Dry

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Somebody call the people at Guinness, because I have reason to believe that I have witnessed a world record. If there is not already an entry for “dullest moment ever captured on live television,” there will be one shortly.

I know what you are thinking: “Yeah, I watched the latest episode of King of Queens,” but that is not it. I am speaking of course of C-SPAN, where I recently watched (and I am dead serious about this) live coverage of deceased Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist lying in his closed casket for over half an hour.

You heard me correctly. Whoever is in charge of programming at C-SPAN, the network world renowned for its riveting Senate filibuster coverage, woke up after falling asleep in front of a Scott McClellan press briefing and decided that it would be a novel idea to bring up-to-the-second coverage of a dead man in a casket in an empty room for an extended

period of time.

Even for a network that puts more Americans to sleep than the makers of NyQuil, this was an achievement in sheer boredom. The cameraman for the event, more than likely chosen by the scientific method of being the last one to scream “Not it!” somehow managed to keep up with the fast-paced action and remained poised in case the former judicial heavyweight decided to spring to life and perform some sort of Broadway ditty.

The real icing on the boredom cake was the fact that the coverage was not of the funeral. There was not an endless procession of notable American figures coming to pay their respects. It was just the casket, a couple of guards and television executives from the Paint Drying Network commenting on how boring the scene in front of them would be if it was captured on television.

Of course, there are those who would say that Rehnquist was a great American icon and deserves a

tribute in any manner possible, and I agree. That being said, Rehnquist himself was probably watching in the big judge’s chambers in the sky saying, “Jeez, this is boring. I wonder if Elimidate is on.”

What ever happened to the cheesy video montage set to “Dust in the Wind”? When did the classic sappy American tribute get replaced with hours of must-see casket footage? The day C-SPAN hit the airwaves, that is when.

Would it not be great if keeping up-to-date with national affairs and watching the day-to-day operations of our government did not have to be so mind-numbingly dull? After serving as a witness to the single most boring event ever to appear on television, I am going to offer my services to the fine folks at C-SPAN in an effort to make Washington D.C. hip and entertaining again.

I would start by adding statistical graphics for individual senators when they speak, much like what is seen

watching baseball games. Knowing relevant season statistics about a senator, such as bills passed, lobbying group approval rating and number of anti-homosexual comments made would greatly enhance the viewers’ appreciation of the proceedings.

Also noticeably absent from C-SPAN programming is a ‘reality’ show. For this, I propose The Appeals Life, a show about nine Supreme Court justices, picked to live in a courthouse.

This would give viewers a chance to see what happens after the robes come off and witness first-hand the sexual tension between Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Clarence Thomas in spite of their often conflicting judicial opinions.

With these simple adjustments and perhaps a few others, C-SPAN can become one of the most entertaining networks on television, one free of hard-hitting corpse coverage. Otherwise, I am getting the guys from Guinness on the horn.

Where the Heck are the Napkins?

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The opinions of Ryan Sullivan do not necessarily reflect Bethany College, the Tower, Phi Kappa Tau, his family or even himself sometimes.

Regardless of my title, I am happy to be back. But now, of course, I have to pick a topic to write about. Do I complain about the SGA/SAC controversy? No, it is a private school, the trustees can do what they want, and I find it hilarious that people who dress like that are asking for respect (I kid because I do not care).

Do I complain about the people using too many exclamation points in their flyers (It is ridiculous!!!)? No I am not really going to complain because we must face the facts.

Nobody cares what I think. Nobody really cares what you think. People only care what THEY think (Sure there are exceptions, there is an exception to everything. For instance, there is probably someone out there who actually likes me).

Well, I have painted myself into

a corner. I do not have a list of advice for new students and while I am back, I certainly do not have an attack (See last opinion page for bad inside joke).

I am not going to be asking for ideas or advice, I will just do my job and you can do yours...which, apparently, is GETTING ME SICK! Seriously, I do not know what has more viruses, the Bethany College server or the student body (Fun fact: a main cause of slow servers are people who leave AIM running while they are away).

Anybody sick of the “If you blah blah blah, put this in your profile”? I am. I would include “If you’re sick of people having these in their profile, put this in yours” but would I not then become the machine against which I am raging? Away messages and profiles are a procrastinator’s dream.

Got a big paper due? You have your books out and all distractions

are gone, but wait...you wonder what Jen is doing. Oh, she is at the gym? Oh, you go, girl! The internet (and an opinion article) is great because with 6 billion people in the world (and less than 5% connected to the internet) there is always someone interested in your day.

Which is worse, going into minute detail regarding your toothpaste lid collection or the guy reading and posting comments about it? The internet is a dangerous place especially if you have 10 fans in Uzbekistan, you think everyone will be interested in your life! Oh man, your boyfriend broke up with you again? Your parents just “don’t understand you”? Sing it, sister!

But I guess that is what most of us want to be, a celebrity. We truly just want to be wanted. Is that not why we do most things? Being able to contact anyone (less than 5%) in the world and find others who agree with us is what draws people to the inter-

net fan sites, blogs and MySpace.

Also, this really hot girl sent me her picture, dude. How do I know it is her? Why would she send me a picture of someone else? We have a connection. I really listen, I am not like other guys, I have the biggest collection of toothpaste lids in the tri-state area!

“Too bad the only people who know how to run the country are busy driving cabs and cutting hair.”
~George Burns

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Student Activities Council holds Foam Party

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Continuing with its "165 Events for 165 Years" promotion, the Student Activities Council (SAC) held an all-campus foam party the evening of Saturday, September 3rd. The party was held outside on the Bethany Beach. Students enjoyed the fun inside the large foam pit while dancing and listening to the music provided by a live DJ, the music was accompanied by a large video screen.

Inside Renner Too, students could try the many flavors offered at the oxygen bar. Food and non-alcoholic refreshments were provided for party-goers as well. SAC advisor Brian Fernandes estimated that 150-200 students attended the foam party, and he was especially pleased with the number of freshmen in attendance.

"One of SAC's goals is to provide an alternative to Bubba's, so it was great to see so many students there," said Fernandes.

SAC first featured a foam pit at last year's all-campus Mardi Gras party; next semester's Mardi Gras party will be incorporating a "glow in the dark" theme.

"Since fraternities and sororities are not permitted to hold all campus events, SAC is very fortunate to have the opportunity to hold events that every Bethany student can enjoy," said Fernandes. He is also looking forward to holding more theme-style parties.

Anyone who has ideas can contact him in person at his office in Renner Union, via phone at extension 7905, or via e-mail (bfernandes@bethanywv.edu). SAC's next event will take place this Saturday at the home football game. They will give a raffle ticket to every student who comes in, and at halftime, the person whose ticket is drawn can attempt to make a 25-yard field goal to win a cash voucher for a Dell computer. Student Activities Council meetings are held on Wednesdays at 6:30 in Renner Union: All students are welcome!

Photo • Vanessa Myers



Bethany students enjoy lots of fun and foam at the 2nd SAC sponsored Foam Party held Saturday, September 3 at Bethany Beach. This event is one of many of the "165 for 165" campaign being done to celebrate 165 years of Bethany College.

Summer Movies: Sith, Bats, and Chocolate, Oh My!

SEAN CROSSLEY
Movie Critic

Well, it is September. We are back at Bethany and summer is over. It was a great summer that went really fast too. Most of my time was spent working (like everyone else right?) and seeing numerous movies at the theater or just lying comfortably on my couch. This review will be my opinion of some films I mentioned last semester, when I only had impressions from trailers.

I have to start out with my favorite movie series of all. Those who know me know what is coming. After 28 years, we will probably never see another "Star Wars" movie in theaters again. Sure merchandise will be out, as will more cartoons and a live-action television series, but no more movies. I went to a midnight showing of "Episode III" and it was crazy. Tons of people dressed up (I decided to go casual) and lightsabers glowing everywhere. Now "Revenge

of the Sith" is not the best in my opinion, it comes in second when compared to "The Empire Strikes Back." "Sith," however, is the best out of the prequels. If you missed it in the theater, it will be released on DVD in a two-disc set November 1.

On to another blockbuster, this time on the comic book front, is "Batman Begins." This film has definitely resurrected the "Batman" films from the terrible mess that was "Batman and Robin." Christopher Nolan directed "Begins" which shows how Bruce Wayne became Batman in a very dark and gritty way. Christian Bale ("American Psycho") does a great job as both Batman and Bruce. Michael

Caine ("Secondhand Lions," "Austin Powers in Goldmember") is also a perfect choice for Bruce's butler and friend, Alfred. Katie Holmes is a good choice for her character

Rachel Dawes, a childhood friend of Bruce. My favorite characters were Cillian (pronounced "Killian") Murphy's ("Red Eye," "28 Days Later") Dr. Jonathan Crane/Scarecrow and Liam Neeson's character, Henri Ducard. "Batman Begins" is still out in IMAX and comes to DVD in both a single and a two-disc deluxe edition on October 18. The next movie

I want to comment on is Tim Burton's version of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." I have to say Burton did a good job. This



Warner Brothers

adaptation of Ronald Dahl's classic follows the book more closely than the 70's version "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory." Even the Oompa Loompa songs are straight from the book (Danny Elfman worked on them as well as the film's score). Now Gene Wilder and the first version have a certain place in my heart, so do not think that I like the new version better. I enjoy both equally. Sometimes it is good to get another perspective on a film through a remake and this one is it. I was not able to see this in the regular theater, but I did in IMAX and I must say it was amazing. With amazing sound and picture, it is a great way to experience a motion picture.

With another summer full of big movies in my memory, I end anxiously awaiting the summer of 2006 when big movies such as "X-Men 3," "Superman Returns," and "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest." are released in theaters.

Social networking site makes a connection with students

MATT MARSHALL

ANNA TONG

Knight-Ridder

When college student Valerie Wang meets a cute guy, she goes right to her dorm and calls up a Web site called Facebook. She looks at what fraternity he is part of. She finds out if he plays sports, if he is in a relationship and, if so, if his girlfriend is pretty. "It's an easy way to figure out information about someone without talking to them," said Wang, 18, of Palo Alto, Calif., a sophomore at the University of Michigan.

Facebook, based in Palo Alto, is one of a handful of Silicon Valley start-ups that have tried to crack the hyped but elusive world of online "social networking." But while some others are either foundering or still working toward success, Facebook is seeing steady – even surprising – growth.

It has become so addictive that some students find themselves browsing it for hours. "I wake up and check my e-mail, then I go to Facebook," said Tiffany Chang, 17, of

Palo Alto, who goes to the University of California-Davis. "At night, I do the same thing, Facebook is like an ice cream sundae because you can do anything with it, and no matter what, it's still fun."

It is still too early to tell whether Facebook, founded in February 2004, is here to stay or is more like the flavor of the year. But for now, it is on a roll. Facebook has 3.65 million users. In March, while school was still in session, Facebook had about four times as many visitors as Friendster, another social networking site, according to Comscore.

And these are loyal users: Even during the slow days of summer, more than half signed in every 24 hours. Facebook is now the top-ranking Web site for the hard-to-reach college demographic: The 18-to 24-year-old future and in some cases current spenders.

Not surprisingly, advertisers have caught wind of Facebook's attractive audience. Companies like Victoria's Secret, Apple Computer and Electronic Arts have formed sponsored groups where students can discuss their products. Between 75,000 and

100,000 users have participated in each of these groups, according to Matt Cohler, the 28-year-old who runs daily operations.

And they are paying enough money that Facebook became profitable earlier this year, according to Cohler. That was before the venture capitalists arrived. In May, Palo Alto's Accel Partners pumped \$13 million into Facebook, and encouraged the company to focus on further expansion before stressing too much about profits.

The magic recipe: Facebook has firmly rooted itself in the offline lives of its members. Facebook fans go to the site for daily activities like planning parties, finding the room numbers of classmates and just gawking at the lives of others.

Here's how. You fill out a profile, listing your favorite music, books and hobbies, for example. You can form or join groups, which may represent real-life clubs or may simply bear cheeky names such as "Ridiculously good-looking people." Each person's page has a "wall"

where friends – and enemies – get to write what they think of you. And Facebook lets students know which of their colleagues is up for "dating," or maybe even "random play."

Facebook has become so pervasive on college campuses that if two students begin dating, their "coupledom" is only considered official once they 'fess up on Facebook. "One of my friends had been dating someone for awhile, and then one day I went on Facebook, and it said they were together," said Tim Pittman, 21, a senior at Harvard University and one of the site's first users. "And then I was like, wait a second, this is serious!"

Even the campus police in East Illinois recently used the site to shut down plans for some beer-bout parties. Of course, not everybody sees the point of Facebook. Tali Manber, a 21-year-old senior at Stanford University, said she rarely logs in. "If I was spending that much time online, I'd rather use that time to actually see people in person," she said.

Top ten college movies, Part II

CHRIS STARK

Staff Writer

The suspense must have been unbearable. Last week only the bottom half of the top twenty college movies were presented. It is like your friend telling you that she knows a secret but cannot tell you. Once you taste the tang you have to go for the glory. Well wait no longer because The Tower exclusively presents part two of the top twenty movies every college kid should own.

Number Ten: This movie answers the universal question: What do you pick up when you cannot use Billy "Bong" Thornton? Answer: Wesley "Pipes." *Half Baked* has some great names, including Dave Chappelle, Harland Williams, (who has been to Bethany) Jim Breuer, (who has also been to Bethany) and a ton of cameos of which Laura Silverman, Tommy Chong, Snoop Dogg, Jon Stewart, Stephen Baldwin and Tracy Morgan

are a few of the standouts. It also has some of the best one-liners of any movie ever made. One of the best liners could not make it past the sensors of the Tower, but we all know what Bob Saget said when Chappelle went to rehab. This movie gave me the crash course in hash to let me pretend to know what I was talking about when I came to college. When someone asks for a dime, now I know what they mean. This movie taught me that the best food for the munchies is Funyons. And when someone says that this movie is only about pot I can say that it taught me a life lesson too. Why do not I want to go to prison? "Ever take your clothes off and run backwards through a cornfield?"

Number Nine: What does every college kid do in their free time? Play Texas Hold'Em. What movie deals with

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Want to be a DJ?



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Bison Vs. Thomas More

WVBC 88.1 will be broadcasting the Bison football game,
Saturday, September 10 at 1:30 pm

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poker? *Rounders*. John Malkovitch is a badass no matter what, although he pushes it with that crappy Russian accent as Teddy KGB. Even though Matt Damon sucks, Edward Norton plays one of his better roles to make up for it. Although the dialogue runs like a teen reality series, the plot and game play land this movie some pocket kings. Like *Half Baked*, I learned lessons from this one. Although most tells are not quite as obvious as the Oreos you get the gist. After all, "You can't lose what you don't put in the middle...but you can't win much either."

Number Eight: Eddy Norton makes another appearance on the top ten with *American History X*. Extremely racist and offensive, X takes off of the Shallow Hal train of thought by teaching a great life lesson by being so offensive you cannot turn away. Biting the curb takes on a whole new and completely jaw dropping meaning. This movie takes racial tension, violence, hatred and misunderstanding to a whole new level. Do not watch this one with your family (that is why it is a college movie). If you are looking for a feel

good movie go rent *Free Willy*, but if your looking for a movie with some wicked violence and no happiness at all (despite the lesson learned) get this one. And if you took time to look up who actually said the last quote of the movie congratulations, you are a true movie buff. In case you did not, "We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies. Though passion may have strained we must not break our bonds of affection. The mystic chords of memory will swell when again touched, as surely they will be by the better angels of our nature."

Number Seven: What college movie list would be complete without some Monty Python? And to be completely predictable we are going with the obvious *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*. The main six from the Monty Python comedy troupe are genius in their own right, together they are friggin hilarious. *Holy Grail* is their masterpiece and *Holy Grail* is the college standout. If you have not yet seen this movie then I do not actually believe you are in college. Find a kid that owns this one and set a movie

night as soon as possible. Even though from my experience most of the people that quote this movie in public sit alone at dinner this is still a great movie and is fun to quote (with someone you trust). Friends don't let friends publicly quote Python, unless you happen to be talking about the air speed velocity of an unladen swallow.

Number Six: This high school movie is so good it made it this high up on the college list. *Dazed and Confused* made every kid wish they grew up in the 'seventies. This movie makes hazing seem fun (and sometimes it is). Big names and just a generally awesome movie make up for a lack of quotable quotes. *Dazed and Confused* is the kind of movie that makes kids like us that have grown up in a taupe colored generation wish for the times that eighteen year olds could buy beer, rebellion was dangerous (and not sold by the system), teens were allowed to have fun, and you could have a kegger without the po-pos invading.

Number Five: Bruce Campbell is the king of B movies. *The Evil Dead* series reigns supreme over B movies. *Army of Darkness* the pinnacle of the low budget flicks. The *Evil Dead* trilogy (*Evil Dead*, *Evil Dead II*, *Army of Darkness*) traverses the spectrum from freaky horror, to mediocre subgenre to all out stupid-hilarious comedy/fantasy. Sam Raimi writes and directs the trilogy and these movies were actually his breakout series. This movie rocks because the dialogue is intentionally bad, there are holes in the plot (also intentionally) and Ash Williams is the most badass protagonist of them all. If any of you out there have a problem with that, "this here is my boomstick"

Number Four: Of course a Tarantino film is going to make the list. The best of the best is *Pulp Fiction*. Not only did this one make the list because it makes a great drinking game (drink when they drop the F-bomb) but because every character wins because of Tarantino's style of filmography. Even though every single character gets screwed over majorly, they all seem to win when the story is told out of sync. Great liners, a sound plot and an insane cast and crew make this movie sweet in every aspect. Some of you might not get this one the first time around, but this movie gets better every time you watch it, so watch it often. This is also a movie for the best of movie

buffs. If you can figure out some of the trivia you can impress your friends. Unless they are bigger nerds than you are. For instance if you know that the "Big Kahuna Burger" was also eaten in *Reservoir Dogs* and in *From Dusk Till Dawn*, you are either a huge fan, or have too much time on your hands.

Number Three: People are always asking me if I know Tyler Durden. If you do not know who Tyler Durden is you have to watch *Fight Club*. Edward Norton makes another huge appearance in this top ten with this twisted dark action. Intriguing and informative this movie entertains while teaching how to make soap from human fat, or explosives from kitchen items. With an awesome twist, and an awesome love/hate relationship between Brad Pitt and Norton, *Fight Club* is one of the few movies that does not ruin the book it was based on. By the way the book was authored by Chuck Palahniuk and might be one of the best reads ever. Even if you hate to read this book will keep you riveted. If I was not so afraid of my kids growing up to be psychos I would teach them to read with this one.

Number Two: "And shepherds we shall be, for Thee, my Lord, for Thee. Power hath descended forth from Thy hand that our feet may swiftly carry out Thy command. So we shall flow a river forth unto Thee, and teeming with souls shall it ever be." If you do not know what this is from you need more help than this article can provide. An underground classic the day that it was released, *Boondock Saints* makes number two on this list and is just barely edged out for number one. There are a few liners to quote when the time is right, but this movie is number two mainly just because it is the most badass movie ever made, that is right, ever.

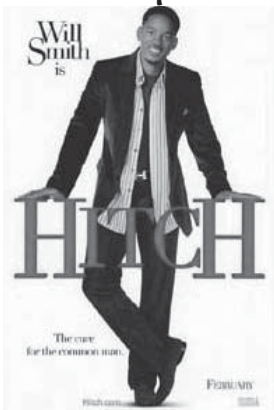
Number One: *Big Lebowski*. Not only is this movie number one because it makes *Pulp Fiction* drinking game pale in comparison, (drink when anyone says "dude" or drops the F-bomb and chug when Lebowski drinks a White Russian) not only because this movie is the most quotable in the world, not only because Jeff Bridges, Steve Buscemi and John Goodman play the perfect roles, but also because of the cameos, the plot and the genius of the Coen Brothers. No praise can do justice to this movie, so go watch it now.

Nothing to do this Weekend?

SAC presents:

Hitch and The Longest Yard
Every night in Wales Theater:

Hitch
staring Will Smith
7:00 pm



The Longest Yard
staring Adam Sandler
9:00 pm



*Times alternate on Saturday

Bison Football starts out on the right foot



Sophomore T.J. Parker takes a catch in for a touchdown against the Diplomats.

RYAN KEMP
staff writer

Bethany is undefeated! The Franklin & Marshall Diplomats were dispersed in a most effective fashion. Heads are being held appropriately high and there is a legitimate optimism about the team's chances. I did not think I was going to be able to make that the opening of this article, but it is true. If you were not there (and there is a good chance you were not), our Bison played a very solid team and it was not even close at the end. 34 to 21 as the clock wound down and Bethany took a knee.

When asked what the biggest difference is this year, Head Coach Steve Lee quickly replied "talent". New players have given this team a

depth and degree of competition at each position that Bethany Football has not had in a long time. There has been an increased emphasis on weight training and the players returning from the spring of 2004 have increased their bench press by an average of forty pounds and it showed Saturday. Mike Elias made a catch as he was being dragged down that required an enormous amount of both upper and lower body power. T.J Parker broke free for a long touchdown catch after delivering a powerful blow to a potential tackler and the offensive line held up their end as the Bethany backfield gained 136 yards, seven first downs on the ground and 35 minutes of possession.

The defense made stand after stand and left Franklin & Marshall wondering if they should have even bothered to make the trip. For a great deal of the first half the ball was inside the Bethany 10 yard line, but the Diplomats staggered away with just one touchdown. Five interceptions

and a fumble showed that the Bison defense has a knack for the big play and the grit to stuff the run when it counts. This year a fan in the stands should never feel as though a score is inevitable no matter where on the field the bad guys are.

The fans also showed up on Saturday, but it did take us a while. Initially there was a general feeling of shock among many as Bethany gained and extended the lead.

We cheered during and immediately after big plays, but those cheers would be followed by a silence that seemed very odd for the winning crowd in the midst of good game. Towards the end and as the shock wore off there were a series of cheers and there was a genuine fervor among some of the fans. We will be better prepared for the next game and perhaps there will be a few more of us.

The Bison are in action this Saturday as they take on Thomas More (KY.) College at home. Start time is 1:30.

Bethany SID Returns Home

IAN HICKS
staff writer

This fall, Bethany College is welcoming back a familiar face. Brian Rose has rejoined the Bison family as the school's new Sports Information Director.

Rose, a 1998 Bethany graduate, held the position from 1998-2003. Since then, he has served as Sports Information Director at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh and Allegheny College. "It was a chance to get into a bigger market," Rose said. "It opened up some better opportunities for my wife as well."

Now, however, Rose has returned to his alma mater to reclaim his old position. "I just enjoyed doing the job here more than anywhere else," he said. "I'm very happy to be back. It feels like home."

Among Rose's duties as Bethany's Sports Information Director are handling all media relations for Bethany athletics, keeping stats and records for all teams as well as updating them on the school web site and marketing the college's student athletes.

Rose will also be serving as co-academic advisor and part of the housing committee for the Beta

Beta Chapter of the Kappa Alpha Order at Bethany. This is a position that he held during his previous stay at Bethany.

According to Rose, the most gratifying part of his job is dealing with all of the coaches and student athletes and watching them grow as players throughout their four years. In addition, Rose said that it is an exciting job, always presenting fresh challenges. "No two days here are exactly alike."

Rose also said that the first time around he did not take advantage of all that Bethany had to offer, and he plans to change that. "I've grown up in the time I've been gone," Rose said, and he encourages all Bethany students to do the same.

"I hope that everybody gets the chance to watch these student athletes perform, along with our band and chorus. Everybody works very hard, and when we have a lot of people supporting our students, it makes for a great atmosphere."

It is great to have Brian back at Bethany College, and we wish him good luck in his not-so-new position. If anyone has a question concerning Bethany athletics, or just wants to extend a warm welcome back, stop and see Brian in his office at the Hummel Field House.

Girls make championship

ANGELINA DESANTIS
sports editor

The Bethany College Volleyball team walked into The Oberlin Tournament and walked out with a 3-1 record and a fine runner up plaque to show for it.

Friday the girls went undefeated against La Roche and Pitt-Greensburg.

Then the lady bison came back on Saturday with just as much energy posting win against Oberlin.

Later that day Bethany met up with Grove City for the Championship. Our girls put up a hard fight but in the end were over come by the Wolverines.

Not to go unmentioned should be

the fact that our Bethany girls were the only team to come out of pool play undefeated. Sophomore Lauren Spegal was awarded the honor of being on the All Tournament Team.

No wonder with the 54 kills that she accumulated over the tournament.



The girls take time to prepare for their matches.

Other leaders on the team were Lindsay Cowser with 92 assists, and Angelina Allen with 40 digs. Coach Jan Forsty said "with the girls playing all

over the place, there are still some things that we need to work on", but over all she is very pleased with her team's accomplishments.

We wish the Lady Bison good luck in their next tournament at Penn State Behrend.