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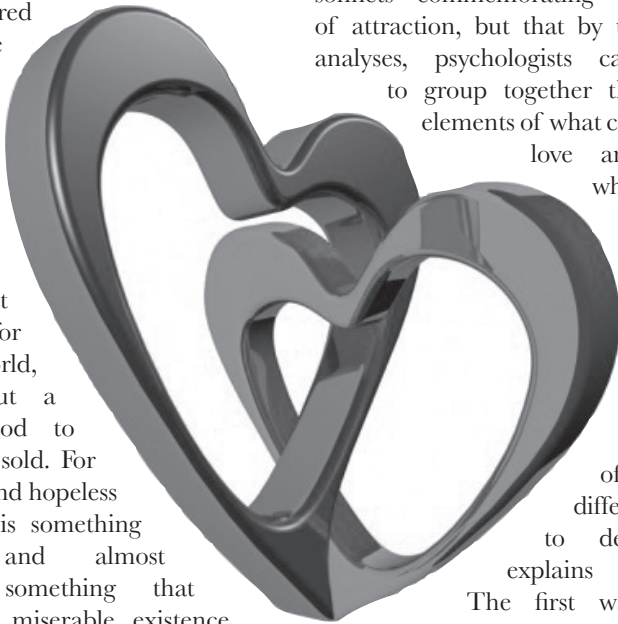
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The Psychology of love

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With Valentine's Day just around the corner, the consumer population is already oversaturated with pink and red hearts, love poems, flowers, candies and anything that remotely reminds people of their significant other. Love, for the business world, is nothing but a marketable good to be bought and sold. For poets, lyricists and hopeless dreamers love is something magnificent and almost untouchable; something that transcends the miserable existence that can be human life. But what exactly is love? In her article, "The Psychology of Love", Lisa J. Cohen, Ph.D. attempts to



explain love from a scientific perspective.

Cohen begins by explaining that people for time immemorial have searched near and far for an answer to the question, "what is love?" She concedes that psychologists may not use the flowery words of the Greeks or write sonnets commemorating the beauty of attraction, but that by using factor analyses, psychologists can attempt to group together the separate elements of what comprises love and explain what each of those groups mean.

There has been the suggestion of two different ways to define love, explains Cohen. The first way is that love is made up of many different types. This view is backed

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Black History month

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As the month of February begins, people across the United States begin to celebrate a fairly new, but very important holiday. Black History Month was initiated by historian Carter G. Woodson and Association for the Study of Negro Life and History who decided it would be nice to have a "Negro History Week". Woodson hoped that this week would inspire those who took part in it and eliminate much of the hate towards African Americans. With black history groups forming and many mayors endorsing it, the holiday quickly gained popularity. In 1976, the federal government extended this week long holiday to a month long holiday and dubbed it Black History Month. When celebrating Black History Month, we must think back and remember the courageous men and women who fought for the civil rights of African Americans because without them we could not celebrate this holiday. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a great

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Superbowl XLVII recap

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Whether you are a Baltimore or San Francisco fan, you were entertained on last Sunday's presentation of the 2013 Superbowl. The game was looked to be a blowout in the first half, and then became so close that every spectator in the stands and watching at home were sitting at the edge of their seats, eagerly waiting for the next ball to be snapped and the action to consume the field.

With the Baltimore Ravens wasting absolutely zero time in the first half, scoring a whopping 21 points off of an interception and a fumble recovery, the 49ers weren't able to find the end-zone and were only able to score 6 points off of two field goals. After the halftime show was over, see my other article describing that event, the Ravens continued to prove that they wanted the ring with a 109 yard kickoff return touchdown. With momentum on their side, confidence was sky high until an unexpected power out-

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Boy Scouts of America to lift ban on allowing gay members

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Twelve years ago the Boy Scouts of America ousted scoutmaster, James Dale, on the premise that he was homosexual, Liz Holloran of NPR reports. The legal battle that followed the incident went all the way to the Supreme Court and in a five to four ruling in favor of the scout group, Mr. Dale was not allowed to maintain membership with the organization and all homosexuals were banned. However, Holloran states in her article, "Lifting Boy Scout Ban on Gays: One Legal Perspective," the nationally acclaimed scouting group is reconsidering its' stance on the subject. Holloran interviewed law professor Andrew Koppelman, co-author of the book, "A Right to Discriminate? How the Case of Boy Scouts of

America v. James Dale Warped the Law of Free Association," about why the scouting organization is making such a decision and what implications the change of heart would have. Koppelman stated that within the group he was unaware of what prompted the BSA to rethink its' policy, but he believes that externally the decision is based on public image. Holloran explains that the BSA recently



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Valentine's Day survival guide

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Staff Writer



Whether you are in a relationship or single, you have no doubt thought about Valentine's Day and how it will go. Should you get a gift? If you do, what should it be? Well, you have come to the right place! This is the Valentine's Day Survival Guide for everyone and anyone!

Single

-There is nothing wrong with being single, but there is nothing wrong with feeling kind of lonely on Valentine's Day either. Valentine's Day is a day to celebrate the people you love. Treat yourself to a movie in Charleston, or to

a relaxing evening with your phone turned off. If you are a girl, trade cute love notes with your girlfriends. If you are a guy, spend the evening playing a Mario Bros tournament. You do not need to be in a relationship to celebrate Valentine's Day.

-Remember those cartoon Valentine's you handed out as a kid? Hand them out to all your friends with a little piece of candy attached.

-Go bowling with your friends. Valentine's Day is a perfect excuse to get out and have some fun!

You love yourself, so celebrate you!

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A word from your SGA President...

Robin Davis
Guest Writer



Hello fellow Golden Bears! With all the snow and cold temperatures, we must be in the spring semester. I hope you had a great winter break and are ready to start the spring semester off with a bang. Although class was not in session, your Student Government Association stayed hard at work over the holidays. The executive council set their goals for the spring semester. We continued to work hard on the issues brought to SGA late in the fall. I, with my counterparts from around the state, presented to the Higher Education Policy Commission. The presentation included the issues facing students throughout the state this year and also stressed the importance that the state budget cuts could have on higher education and, most importantly, its students.

Office Move

We are very proud to share that the SGA office has moved! We are now located in Orndorff 3400. SGA officers will have set office hours similar to professors so that you the students have access to us at your convenience. Once the hours are set they will be made public to you. We have also been fortunate enough to gain access to a number of offices on that east wing which will be used to house a number of student organizations. More information on that will also be announced at the bi-weekly SGA meetings.

Nutrition Committee

One of your fellow students, Haley Pauley, came to SGA with the idea of looking at what the Bears Den offers its students and how we can make the food choices even better. SGA was very pleased to form a committee to work with Dining Services on looking into this issue. Dave Templeton is very excited to work with us and I can see great things coming out

of this for the Bears Den and the Tech Family as a whole.

Meal-Plans

As many students have found out, meal plans are not able to be lowered beyond the first 2 weeks of the fall semester. This has proved to be a problem for numerous Tech students. This issue was brought to SGA at the end of last semester and we were able to work with Potomac State and WVU to try and resolve the issue. While this was going on, the administration here at Tech learned of this big issue and have decided to attempt to find a way to fix this for Tech students. SGA and the Tech leadership are continuing to find ways to resolve this issue.

Celebrate Tech

SGA along with many members of the Tech family participated at the Celebrate Tech Day on February 2. T-shirts and other SGA goodies were tossed to students during the women's basketball game. Not only did we throw out the freebies during game, SGA also gave away two iPads via a drawing. The lucky students to win the iPads were Anthony Sullivan and George Whiteman. SGA still has two iPads left to give out this spring so keep your eyes peeled for how you can enter to win one.

While the spring semester may have started slow for some, your SGA has started off and will continue to work at a quick pace. Keep checking back here for more information. As always, the number one source for SGA information is the meetings themselves! The SGA meetings for the month of February are February 5 and 19. See you there!

-Robin Davis

WVU Tech Student Government President



WVU Tech IEEE



Attention all Electrical Engineering, Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Mathematics, and Electrical Engineering Technology majors: join WVU Tech's chapter of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineering.

Meetings: every other Thursday at 1:00 ENG-414 starting January 24, 2013. Pizza provided every other meeting.

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Monty's Weekly Agenda

Thursday February 7th
IEEE S-PAVs leadership workshop @ ENGR 311- 2 p.m.
Yoga and Ballroom dancing @ Tech Ballroom 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday February 8th
BINGO @ Bear's Den 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Monday February 11th
Zumba @ Tech Ballroom 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Self Defense @ Tech Ballroom 7-9 p.m.

Tuesday February 12th
WV School of Osteopathic Medicine visit @ Orndorff Hall 12:30-2 p.m.
SAB Movie night- Zoolander @ Tech Ballroom 8-10 p.m.

Wednesday February 13th
Winterplace Ski Trip- meet at COBE 4:30- 11:30 p.m.
Self Defense @ Tech Ballroom 7-9 p.m.

Thursday February 14th
Yoga and Ballroom dancing @ Tech Ballroom 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday February 15th
BINGO @ Bear's Den 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Sunday February 17th
MLK Choir @ Tech Ballroom 3 p.m.

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Masquerade Ball Recap

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The Delta Kappa Theta sorority, with some assistance from the Delta Chi Fraternity, held its first annual Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball in the Tech Center Ballroom on Wednesday, January 22. The event was held as a fundraiser and the money that was raised through entrance fees was sent to the Susan G. Komen foundation. There were a lot of decorations in the room, and finger food was provided as well as professional pictures taken by



L&A photographics. Mr. Shelton Norris from Phi Kappa Tau was the Disk Jockey for the night and played fun, upbeat, mellow music to lighten the mood and bring smiles to everyone's masked faces. "We expected a pretty big group of people," says Megan Thomas, president of the Delta Kappa Theta sorority. "Maybe due to weather or it being on a Wednesday night when people have early classes, we didn't get quite as many people as we had hoped, but there were still a good amount of people there, and we all had a good time. I especially like that we had professional photographers there taking pictures, and a lot of people got their picture taken. I thought that was a nice touch to the night." Considering this was the first Masquerade Ball, the outcome was fantastic. For the future, little tweaks can be made for an even better the outcome, have more people show up to the event, have more smiling faces be hidden mysteriously by masks and have more money raised for charity.



Proposed Schedule for Homecoming 2013 Theme submission

March 4-15
Open submission to the Tech-Homecoming email

March 18-22
Submissions sent to the HC committee via Survey Monkey to vote on top 3

April 8-19
Top 3 submissions put on Social Media sites for voting on favorite theme

April 22
Homecoming 2013 theme announced

Greek Column

Greek guys: Rush week

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The beginning of a semester means, for most students, that it is time to learn where your new classrooms are. It is time to purchase your new books and to begin studying once again for that big test coming up in a few weeks. For the Greeks on campus, all this is the same, but the beginning of a new semester also means that it is time to start planning another rush week. At West Virginia Tech, rush week is always dry. That is, that no consumption of alcohol is allowed by any member of the fraternities or sororities while in the presence of anyone that is not a member. This way the students can get to know the members for who they are, and then decide which organization is the best for them. Every semester, fraternities and sororities have a set dry rush to try to recruit individuals, like yourself, to see if you would be interested in joining their organization. Fraternities and sororities always need new people to join for the older members from the previous year have graduated. During the beginning of every semester, these organizations hold a variety of events in an attempt to spark an interest in joining. This string of events is called Rush and is open to anyone. Phi Kappa Tau, one of the fraternities on campus, had a variety of events planned for Rush and had some quality men attend. To kick off the week, the brothers held a cookout at the Tech Center Gazebo where they

grilled up some hamburgers and hotdogs and gave them out to whoever passed by and needed some nourishment. Tuesday's event was casino night which took place at the Phi Tau house where pizza was served to anyone who attended. On Wednesday, the group held an open mic talent show which featured a live Epic Rap Battle of History. This battle was between Albert Einstein and Steven Hawking, and featured a surprise guest, Socrates, who came out of nowhere and wowed the audience with his wicked flows. Thursday's event was a pool day and a potluck dinner was held on Friday at the Phi Tau house. Since it was a spring rush and the weather was not very cooperative, the turnouts for the events were not the greatest, but all those who attended still had a good time. Sigma Pi, another fraternity on campus, also had a variety of events that they held during rush week. The first event that was held was a clean-up Montgomery community service event which was followed by a spaghetti dinner at the Sigma Pi house. Tuesday's event was bowling night at Galaxy Lanes in Kanawha City, Charleston and Wednesday's event was the attendance of the Tech movie night in the Ballroom. Thursday activity was horseshoes and nachos, and a surprise invite only event was held on Friday for any individual who received a formal invitation. Considering the inclement weather and the rough class schedules, rush week went as good as anyone could hope for. New individuals attended the events, and new friendships were made. If you are one of those people who get tired of sitting in your room with nothing to do, consider joining a Greek organization. It may just be the best decision you ever make.

Lady Greeks

Lindsay McDowall
Staff Writer



This semester, the lady Greeks on campus have started off on the right foot. Both sororities are buried in their studies already, with a lucky few counting down the days until graduation. New officers are being inducted, and new ideas are taking shape. The semester will certainly hold a great deal of excitement for the lady Greeks! During the third week of classes, the Greeks held their semesterly Recruitment Week. Both sororities held a variety of activities open to all women on campus. The women of Delta Kappa Theta went out to dinner at Benny's, had fun tie-dying, had a laugh out loud game night, and held Bid Night at the Glenn Ferris Inn. The women of Alpha Sigma Tau made and exchanged friendship bracelets, cried of laughter at game night while making s'mores, made their own bagel pizzas, cured a sweet tooth with ice cream, and held their traditional Preference Party. This semester, you can expect quite a bit from both sororities. Delta Kappa Theta will be holding a Minute to Win It Competition (previously scheduled for February 5; look for a new date to come!). Alpha Sigma Tau will be holding their annual Miss AST competition, a car smash and much more!

Both sororities are excited to be extending bids to women to join their respective sorority. Sisterhood is a wonderful and magical thing. It cannot be seen, heard, smelled nor touched; but it can be felt every day. To have sisters is to have a family that is there for you through all the good times and all the bad times. Greek life is a bond. Whether you are a Theta or a Tau, you know you always have someone to talk to and to count on. "Sisterhood is many things. It's a warm smile on a cold and rainy day, a friendly hug, a cheerful hello... It's all that a good and lasting friendship is, only better. It's treasured. It's sacred. It is knowing that there will always be someone there for you. Its dreams shared, and goals achieved. It's counting on others and being counted on. It is real." -- Unknown

If you have any questions regarding either sorority, feel free to contact an officer.

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Final candidates named in the Director of Facilities search

Press Release

The WVU Tech Director of Facilities Search Committee has invited four candidates to campus for interviews. The final candidates include: Floyd (Dan) Young, John Mills, Gary McKean, and Dale (Allen) Heinze.

The visitation schedules for each candidate include interviews with the Campus CEO, executive staff, search committee, faculty, staff and students. The search committee is being chaired by Kevin Lawhon and includes the following members of the WVU and WVU Tech communities: Kenneth Howell, Randy Hudak, Dan Olthaus, Alan Swiger, Robert Carter and Dr. Steve Leftwich.

About the Final Candidates: Floyd (Dan) Young has more than 30 years of experience in facilities management and master planning. Most recently he was the director of facilities engineering at Guilford College in North Carolina.

John Mills has 28 years of facility operations management experience. With a BS in business from Coker College and an MA in organizational management from the University of Phoenix, Mills is currently the vice president of field operations at Whiteside Properties.

Gary McKean has over 40 years of experience in facilities management and planning. He is currently the senior project manager at The J. Paul Getty Trust. McKean holds a BSCE in civil engineering and a master's degree in bioenvironmental engineering from Oklahoma State University.

Dale (Allen) Heinze has over 20 years of experience working in facilities maintenance and management. He holds a digital electronics diploma from the Morgantown Technical Center, and is currently serving as the interim director of facilities at WVU Tech.



WVU Tech to host College Goal Sunday on February 10th

Press Release

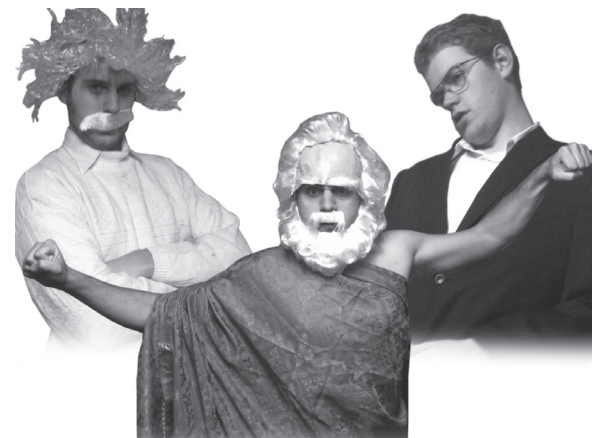
Montgomery, W.Va. – West Virginia University Institute of Technology (WVU Tech) will be one of 23 host sites for College Goal Sunday from 1-4 pm on Sunday, February 10, in the Engineering Building ELab. Students and parents can receive assistance completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) from Tech's financial aid staff during the free workshop.

Anyone planning to attend college next fall can participate, including graduating high school seniors, returning college students, or adult students interested in returning to school to earn a degree or certificate.

"WVU Tech in Montgomery is one of several sites throughout the state open to support all students, not just those from the immediate area or those attending Tech or Bridgemont Community and Technical College. We can provide expert assistance, reduce the common errors, and handle those tough circumstances," explained Michael White, WVU Tech director of financial aid. "If you need assistance with the FAFSA application, we welcome you."

College Goal Sunday is coordinated by the College Foundation of West Virginia (CFWV), with funding and support from the Lumina Foundation for Education and USA Funds. A full list of site locations, times, items families should bring, and other details is available through CFWV, the state's college access web portal, located at www.cfwv.com.

Rush Week Spring 2013



Student FYI:

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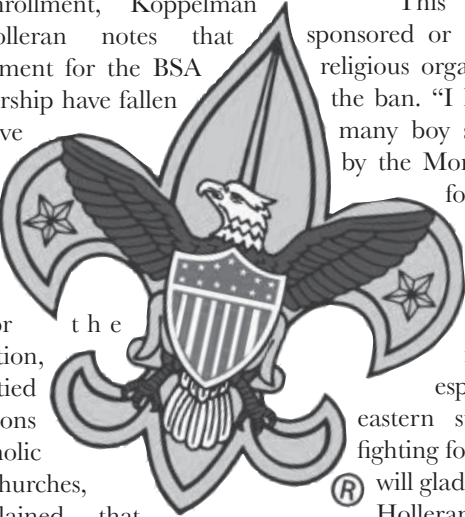


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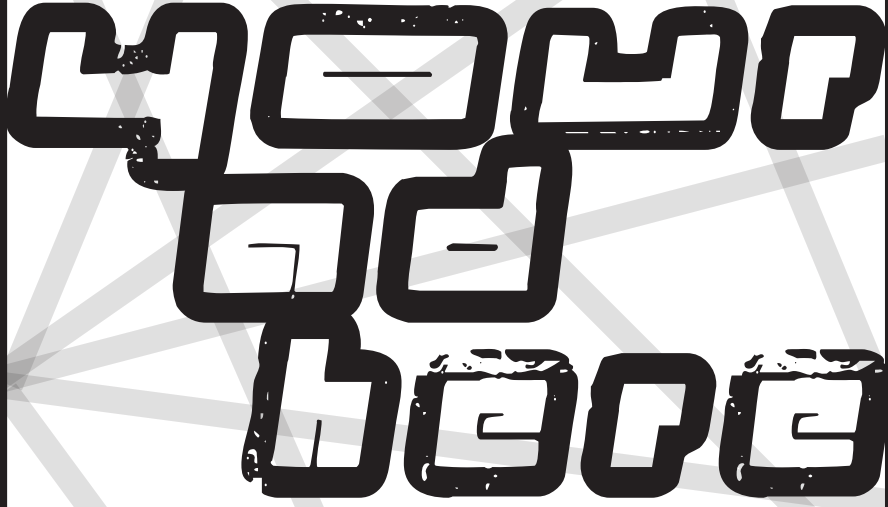
Boy Scouts from front page

came under public scrutiny for some of its members covering up abuse of its scouts. This recent scandal, paired with the view that the group responsible for shaping many young men is discriminatory, is hurting support and enrollment, Koppelman summarized. Holleran notes that statistics on enrollment for the BSA shows that membership have fallen from a high of five million within the past ten years.

When asked by Holleran what the future may hold for the scouting organization, one that is heavily tied to religious affiliations such as the Catholic and Mormon churches, Koppelman explained that the group has not abandoned discrimination entirely. “What the Boy Scouts have done,” Koppelman states, “is abandon the national rule; they have not adopted a non-discrimination



rule.” Koppelman then goes on to explain that the BSA has made the decision to ban members based on sexual orientation a local one; to be decided on a troop by troop basis. This means that troops sponsored or hosted by churches or religious organizations can continue the ban. “I have no doubt that the many boy scout troops sponsored by the Mormon Church in Utah, for example, will continue to discriminate,” Koppelman reports. However, he does concede that there are many more troops especially in the north eastern states who have been fighting for an end to the ban that will gladly accept new members. Holleran explains that it is a step in the right direction and Koppelman follows up that the move by the scouting organization is, “a huge result in many cities.”



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Martin Luther King Jr. Male Chorus

February 17, 2013

3pm

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The loss of knowledge

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War brings with it many losses; loss of life, loss of normalcy, loss of safety. But another loss due to war, and perhaps a seemingly unimportant one in the moment compared to people’s lives, is knowledge.

Historically, the most famous incident is the burning of the library at Alexandria in Egypt. Luciano Canfora explains in his book, “The Vanquished Library”, that even though the exact circumstances of the library’s destruction is unknown, the incident was not free of malice. Canfora states that an estimated half a million plus documents were lost. Poetry, science, philosophy; great quantities of the knowledge of the ancient world was reduced to ashes.

Unfortunately for historians and lovers of history alike, Alexandria is not an isolated incidence. Even today we are losing written links to our past due to warfare. Greg Myre, a writer for NPR, explains a similar situation in Mali, Africa. In his article, “Ancient Manuscripts in Timbuktu Reduced to Ashes,” Myre recounts the recent destruction of the Ahmed Baba Institute. This was a library in Timbuktu that also doubled as a research facility and was home to many priceless texts dating back to the thirteenth century.

Myre explains that the library held over twenty thousand manuscripts, the majority of which were written in Arabic, that included Qurans and other sacred Islamic scripts. When interviewed by Ofeibia Quist-Arcton of NPR, the mayor of Timbuktu, Halle Ousmane Cisse, had this to say about the wreckage, “These priceless manuscripts are my identity, they’re my history. They are documents about Islam, history, geography, botany, poetry. They are close to my heart, and they belong to the whole world.” Myre states that the culprits

of the disaster are the Islamist radicals that poured into Mali last spring. This group of rebels, according to Myre, imposed their harsh and rigid version of Islam on the residents and citizens of Timbuktu; all the while defacing and destroying many local cultural and historical sites. This level of degradation was escalated recently by the advancement of French troops into Mali in an attempt to rid the area of the rebels. According to Myre, it appeared that the destruction of the Ahmed Baba Institute was a last chance effort by the Islamist forces as they fled the city in anticipation of the arrival of the French.

In an interview for NPR, Shamil Jeppie, a researcher and professor at the University of Cape Town in South Africa; a man who had personally studied some of the documents held in the library, had this to say about the reasons behind the blaze, “...there must have been destruction of the building out of spite. You know, we’re getting out of here, let’s do maximum damage to whatever we can in the city. That’s one explanation. The other is just the kind of vandalism that goes with uneducated barbarians that I have seen these people to be.”

However, for the people of Timbuktu and the historical community, there seems to be a ray of light in the bleak situation. Greg Myre published a follow up article the very next day further detailing reports that were coming in from Timbuktu and he had some good things to say. Myre states that after surveying the wreckage, Professor Shamil Jeppie estimates that approximately two thousand of the texts were destroyed. This is a much lower number that was expected. As it turns out, Myre reports, many of the local residents at some point prior to the fire went into the library and began removing the ancient texts in anticipation of malice from the Islamist rebels. Myre explains that these unsuspecting heroes hid the manuscripts in their homes and at this time they are being recovered and sent for storage in a safe location to be preserved for future generations to come.

A good way to motivate yourself is to only do what you “want” to do after you have completed what you “have” to do. You will thank yourself for this later, as will your GPA and your parents.

Brown Bag Lecture: Remembering Mary Anning

Joe Sherfey
Staff Writer



Many do not know the name Mary Anning. Until I attended the lecture given by Dr. Barko I was one of the many. Mary Anning was the first female paleontologist. She was born and raised in Lyme Regis with her family and discovered many of the world’s most popular fossils such as the Plesiosaurus, the Dimorphodon and the Ichthyosaurus.

Even though it was very odd for a woman in this time to dig up fossils in caves and such, Mary did just that. Many believe the reason was because she was struck by lightning at 15 months old. Afterwards, the town’s people considered her eccentric and better off for it. Even though she would eventually discover fossils on her own, many would buy them then sell and claim them as their own. Mary did not seem to mind this, but soon she began to sell to many museums and receive the credit; the first museum of which was in London.

Her first discovery, the Ichthyosaurus, was not just found by her, but her brother, Joseph, as well. Both were raised by their father, who taught them how to hunt for fossils, and their mother. Later she would discover many on her own such as the Dimorphodon which was a flying lizard with an enormous head. Then she would find two types of Plesiosaurus. One was nine feet long with a long neck and small head. The other Plesiosaurus had a shorter neck and a larger head than the first. Another fossil was found and would be named Squalaraja. This fossil no longer exists, but there were photographs of what it was expected to look like.

Even though she discovered many fossils and became successful, she had a rough road. When she moved out on her own she bought a nice house with a place to keep her fossils on display, but eventually she would come close to bankruptcy. Before this could happen though, she sold many of the fossils she had on display in her house. She managed to bring herself back from this mishap and start fresh. Yet she also received criticism as a woman from some scientists and paleontologists. However, she was also greatly praised by many as well. Many who met her would document their meeting and some would display her as strange or as a very strong woman. Either way, she was well-known. Much of her work is mentioned in books such as “Remarkable Creatures” written by Tracie Chevalier. Not only is she well known by writers, but by many theorists like Charles Darwin. Her work inspired the theory of Darwinism with the discovery of the Plesiosaurus.

As fantastic of a woman as she was, she would eventually meet an end when death arrived from breast cancer. Even though she never became a member of the Geological Society of London, she was given an obituary by Henry de la Boche. This is quite a special accolade considering she is the first ever non-member to receive an obituary by the group. Mary Anning will hopefully be remembered by many from the lecture and article that has been given on her life. She played a very important part in the history of the world and it would be a tragedy for her to not receive the credit she deserves. So hopefully you will remember Mary Anning, the first recognized woman paleontologist.

Love from front page

by research by John Lee in 1977. Using fifteen hundred different items related to love; Lee used a factor analysis and found six separate categories: eros, ludus, storge, mania, agape and pragma. Cohen goes on to explain each of these groups respectively; “the erotic desire for an idealized other...playful or game like love...slowly developing attachment...altruistic love...[and] practical love.” The second line of thinking for categorizing love came from a factor analysis conducted by researchers Robert Sternberg and Susan Gracek in 1984. Cohen describes that Sternberg and Gracek found one encompassing factor that they described as, “interpersonal communication, sharing and support”. Cohen then notes that this was later given the term intimacy.

From this all-encompassing factor of intimacy, Robert Sternberg then drew on previous research to introduce what came to be known as the triangular theory of love. In a paper published in 1986, Cohen describes, Sternberg reduced love to three elements: intimacy, passion and commitment. Intimacy was given the definition of, “involving closeness, caring and emotional support.” Passion, explains Cohen, was defined as including all states regarding physical and emotional arousal. And finally, commitment was defined as, “a decision to commit to loving the other [person] and trying to maintain that love over time.”

Cohen then explains that Sternberg found eight different ways to score on love: non-love, liking, infatuated love, empty love, romantic

love, companionate love, fatuous love and consummate love. Respectively to achieve these labels one would have to score: low on all three factors, high on intimacy only, high on passion only, high on commitment only, high on intimacy and passion, high on intimacy and commitment, high on passion and commitment and high on all three factors reports Cohen.

So, what does all this mean for different types of relationships? Is love different for friends, family, and lovers? Cohen explains that research suggests that love, at its base level, is indeed the same regardless of the type of relationship. Intimacy and connecting emotionally are factors found across all types of situations. Therefore, could it not be said that love is nothing more than feelings of intimacy and emotional ties?

Cohen concludes by summarizing a study conducted by Keith Davis in 1985. When evaluating spouses and lovers and comparing them to friends and family, Davis found that the spouses and lovers did not show a significant difference on intimacy from the two other groups. However, Davis did find, Cohen suggests, that the spouses and lovers did show a different score on what Davis termed “love” (the combination of liking, passion, and commitment) which is precisely what Sternberg found when participants scored as having “consummate love”.

What you need to know about FAFSA

Lindsay McDowall
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The beginning of the New Year marks many things, such as new diets, new classes, and much more. It also marks the date which you can start applying for financial aid! Starting January 1 each year, students can start filling out the FAFSA form, which helps determine financial aid. For those who are confused on what the FAFSA is, this article is just for you! In this article, we will cover what FAFSA is, who is eligible and deadlines for federal and state financial aid applications.

FAFSA, which stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid is an application which current and prospective college students fill out each year. The purpose of this form is to help the federal government determine the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) based on your family’s financial information. It determines how much financial aid a student receives, which can be in the form of grants, educational loans and work-study programs just like the ones here at Tech.

A student is eligible for financial aid and can fill out the FAFSA form providing that they:

- Are a US citizen, US national or an eligible non-citizen
- Have a valid Social Security Number
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Are registered with the US Selective Service (for males aged 18-25)
- Complete the FAFSA on the

condition that the federal aid is used for solely educational purposes

- Do not owe refunds on any federal student grants
- Are not in default on any student loans
- Have not been found guilty of the sale or possession of illegal drugs during a period in which federal aid was being received.

Every college has different requirements for financial aid, such as some additional forms. When you fill out your FAFSA, be sure that there are no errors or omissions; this can delay the processing, which can result in late or no financial aid. On average, it takes about one to two hours to complete the FAFSA form. If you submit the form electronically, it is typically processed within three days, whereas mailing the form could delay processing for up to three weeks. The earliest to apply for financial aid is January 1 of each year, and the form MUST be completed each year. Aid is provided on a first come, first served basis, so the sooner the application is completed, the better!

The federal deadline for the state of West Virginia is midnight, June 30, 2014. The deadline for the Promise Scholarship is midnight March 1, 2013. The deadline for WV Higher Education Grant Program is midnight, April 15, 2013. All times are according to Central Time (West Virginia is in the Eastern Time Zone).

Here at WVU Tech, the priority deadline is March 1 for financial aid. The FAFSA school code for Tech is 003825. For help with any financial aid problems and/or your application(s), go see Tech Financial Aid Services in Old Main, Room 205. They are open every week day from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. You can fill out the FAFSA form and get answers to any questions at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Source: www.fafsa.com

Now’s the time to get a tutor!

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January 14 started a brand new spring semester at WVU Tech; new classes, new teachers, new students and new material. New teachers and new material that may be so foreign to you and so difficult, that you are not sure how you will make it through the semester. Well, never fear, the Student Services Department is here. The one department that is available here at Tech that can help you and provide you any assistance you may need.

No matter what the subject is, math, science, history, english or engineering, student services can provide you with just the right tutor to help you ace the first test, and every test after that. Now that the semester has begun with full force, the weeks are coming where you conveniently have 3 tests in a week, with a lab report due, as well as a quiz. Things can start getting overwhelming and tough, and the material you’re learning might make no sense in the world. Well today is the day you have to start getting help.

The material you’re learning, whether it is thermodynamics or organic chemistry, will only get harder and the material will only get more confusing. Most subjects are comprehensive and the information you learn from the first day of class will carry on and contribute to the things you learn until

the last day of the semester. If there comes a time in the first few weeks of school where you know that you are going to struggle, and you know that this one class could make this whole semester dreadful, do not put it off any longer to the point where it could be hard to come back from.

Make a trip to the Students Services Department, where the staff is beyond nice, beyond helpful and beyond understanding. The Student Services Department staff knows exactly how to direct you to the people you need to help you succeed in the tough class in that you think you will never pass. The generous staff has faith that you can succeed, and that faith can help you get through this tough semester.

Now that you have made the decision to take a trip to the department, know that this is not a hard process what so ever. The staff makes the transition to meet your tutor that much smoother, and before you know it your first meeting will be within days. A few papers to fill out and a few questions is all it takes. Then you can start meeting with your incredible, friendly tutor. But the journey with the student services department does not end there. They will make the effort to routinely check in and make sure your grades are staying up and you are still reaching for the highest. Know that the staff in the Student Services Department is there to help you and will always be there by your side, helping you through every step of the way.

GOLDEN BEAR SPORTS BRIEFS

MEN’S BASKETBALL

The month of January has proven to be a success for the men’s Golden Bear basketball team. The first game in the New Year was held on Jan. 10 and was against the University of Maine at Fort Kent. After 40 minutes of play the scoreboard read 92-60 in Tech’s favor. Two days later, against Salem University, the only loss of the month was added to the record with a score of 65-93. The next four games were not only wins for the Bears, but also wins by at least 11 points, with one game having a spread of 55 points. These games were against the Virginia University of Lynchburg (96-69), Barber- Scotia College (96-75), Campbellsville University (95-84) and WVU at Parkersburg (107-52).



Tech Alumni

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

In the month of January, the women’s basketball team came out in the positive, with one more win than loss. Out of seven games that took place, the three losses came from Notre Dame College, the University of Rio Grande and Point Park University with scores of 71-94, 79-84 and 54-66 respectfully. On the flip side, however, the Lady Bears won every game they played in the Baisi Center. These games were against Milligan College, the University of Lynchburg, the University of Pikeville and Voorhees College. The scores of these games were 74-72, 69-49, 64-61 and 76-65 respectfully. In the final game of the month, while contributing 9 points that came from 3 3-pointers, senior Amber Tulley reached her 1000th career point.



Dee Hawkins

WRESTLING

The Golden Bear wrestling team had three tournaments in the month of January. The first of which was in Lexington, VA where the team came in 5th place out of ten teams. The excitement for the tourney was when Golden Bear teammates Conrad Lacey and Chance Smith battled against each other for the tournament championship. Lacey managed to squeeze in a 6-5 decision victory. On January 20, the team traveled to Alliance, Ohio and competed in a tournament against impressive schools including Ohio State and Virginia Tech. This meet was not a team-scoring event. The last tournament of the month was the Builder Invitational in Newport News, VA where the team came back with an impressive 8th place finish out of 21 teams.



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SWIMMING

In the month of January, three Tri-meets took place. The first of which was in Barbourville, KY where the men’s team split and lost a match while winning a match. The women’s team took two losses. The next meet was on Jan. 19 in Urbana, OH where after some intense swimming competitions, both the men’s and women’s team came home with two losses. The last meet of the month was on Jan. 26 in Milligan, TN. Again, after a valiant effort from both teams, two more losses were added to each team’s records.



Carla Carvalho

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Basketball Season Update



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Men's

The Golden Bear fighting basketball team has been in action for a few months now, playing their hearts out on and off the court and their hard work is paying off. As of February the 1, the team has a 14-9 record, with a 4 game winning streak including a 107-52 victory over WVU at Parkersburg where the team shot 50% from the 3 point line. The team practices hard and plays even harder, and works together with a chemistry that allows success to fall into their lap.

“It’s been a good season so far,” says head coach Bob Williams. “I think we have a great group of kids that have definitely overachieved.” This season, while it has had success, has also brought some injuries onto some of the players. Junior Brandon Burgraff, the team’s ace 3-point shooter, hurt his knee on December 15th, and has had to sit out up until this point. “Since Burgraff has had to sit,” says Williams, “some other kids have had to step up, and they have. If you would have told me at the beginning of the season that we would shoot 50% in a game from the three point line without Burgraff on the court, I would have laughed at you, but we did it.” Burgraff’s first game back on the court was on the 2, against Ohio Mid-Western.

A couple other injuries were on Cam Powell and Eddie Gordon, which caused them to have to sit out a series of games. Now healed,

Gordon started against WVU-P and put up 18 points, including 4 three point shots. Big game coming from the 5’7” freshman who hails from Charleston.

“Our man to man defense is improving,” continues Williams. “We play a lot of zone defense because we are undersized, and play 4, sometimes 5 guards at one time. We are holding our own defensively on the glass, and we shoot the ball well from the 3 [point line]. We have some big guys like Terrale Clark and Kornilious Donnell who can go outside and shoot the 3, and their defenders, who don’t like to go out there and like to stay in on the paint have to go out and defend them, and then we can drive or kick out or shoot the 3.

“They are a fun group to coach. They work really hard every day in practice, and have a great attitude. They come in and lift on their own, and come in and shoot on their own. We work with them a lot on shooting and with lifting and practices are intense. They all want Tech to do well in basketball, and are all committed to do so. I think when you have lower character people, a lot of times you will underachieve. When you have high character people, it is easy to over achieve. I think that is what is happening with this team. They all have good character and are all committed to the game. Hopefully they will play their best basketball in the month of February.”

Women's

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Staff Writer



So far this season, the Lady Golden Bears Basketball Team is 11-12-0. This is already better than their 2011-2012 season, which ended 6-23-0. They are on their way to becoming first in their conference. These women truly deserve recognition for their achievements thus far in the season.

Amy Gardner, senior, says, “I’m real happy with the way our team is doing this season. We are in route to be first place in the conference and are over 500. I feel we are living up to our goals we set minus a few games that we should have won. We have really made defense a main focus and it has shown in our record. I don’t think we really have a main challenge; as long as we focus on rebounding and defense I believe we can beat anyone and win our conference tournament that will be hosted here March 1-3.”

Tracee Mitchell agreed, saying, “The season is going by good. We’ve had some challenges but we got through them. I feel like the team does meet the goals we set and want to go higher than we expected. Our biggest challenge I think is to play with high intensity the whole game.”

This is an excellent team of women. They study hard and they play hard, and it shows. Their next game, which is also their Pink Out game, will be played February 6 at the Baisi Center against the University of Rio Grande. Their Senior Day game will be played February 16 at the Baisi Center against Point Park University.

There are three seniors that

will be honored on senior day – Courtney Sturdivant (Number 10), Amy Gardner (Number 22) and Amber Tully (Number 32). These ladies have worked hard to get where they are, and we wish them the best for the end of this season for the rest of their lives. Congratulations ladies!

Head coach Everhart says, “I am pleased with the progression of our season. As any coach would say there are missed opportunities with some of our 12 losses but we have grown together as a team and are looking forward to our A.I.I. tournament. We are on track to achieve many of our goals this season. We have had quality wins over former Mid-South foe Pikeville, 2 victories over #23 nationally ranked Milligan, and winning the Bevo Francis Tournament at Rio Grande. Individually Amber Tully has scored over 1000 points and Amy Gardner is on track to score 1000 in the next few games. Overcoming injury and playing a tough schedule have been our teams biggest challenge.”

These ladies could always use more fans at their games! Come out and support them at these next two games. Grab some friends and paint yourselves using body paint or make giant signs. Our support helps energize the team and helps them work towards their goals. So join the proud supporters of the WVU Tech Golden Bear Women’s Basketball Team!

The Lady Golden Bears Basketball Team and WVU Tech will be hosting a conference tournament March 1-3. Mark your calendars to come out and cheer on the Lady Golden Bears to victory! This is an event you do not want to miss!

Wrestling season update

Ryan Stevens
Staff Writer



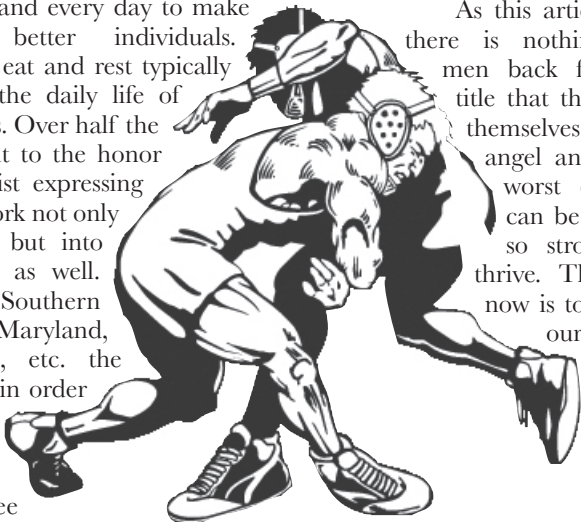
Who is Tech? What is our team made of? When people typically look at a specific team or even a set of teams they tend to look at the overall performance of the group of athletes. Ethics, sportsmanship, how hard they work, what they sacrifice, the time put in and most of all the outcome of each individual match. A team is called a team because of the way they act as a nonrelated family and as well, how they act when the coach is not watching.

As part of this explanation the wrestling team here at Tech offers to the crowd and the community a very strong working environment. Seven men on the team give each practice everything they have in order to be the best they can be. John Walters A.K.A Jdub, Junior, Conrad lacey, Sophomore, Al Yasin, Sophomore, Chance Smith, Sophomore, Steve Hurt Jr., Freshman, Darren Streets, Freshman, Dirk, Freshman, all give their blood, sweat and tears into the sport sacrificing time out of each and every day to make themselves better individuals. Study, train, eat and rest typically tend to be the daily life of these athletes. Over half the team made it to the honor roll/Deans list expressing their hard work not only on the mat but into their studies as well. From Ohio, Southern Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, etc. the team travels in order to compete. Some trips averaging from three

to four hours and others six to nine hours. Needless to say determination is not a concern for this team.

Now let us take a look into the future outcome of this team. Overall throughout the season and the following tournaments the team has been able to place fairly high. Though there are only seven wrestlers on the team, making them unlikely to win a dual meet, the team still manages to out-score ninety percent of their opponents. Where Tech lacks the numbers they make up for with the talent and admiration of a higher advancing opponent. Now you may be asking, where does that leave the team when it comes to regionals or even nationals? Well the answer is quite simple. During the research into this team, gaining the ideas, numbers, and talent from each member shows that each athlete has a higher percentage of making it into nationals. In fact, each member alone has more than enough talent to become locked into a position into the national tournament. Pride, determination, ethics, sacrifice, what more could a fan possibly be looking for in a team?

As this article has said before there is nothing holding these men back from winning any title that they seek other than themselves. Focus being there angel and fear being there worst demon. No more can be said about a team so strong and ready to thrive. The only thing left now is to sit back, cheer on our team and watch as what the fans came for unfolds right in front of their very eyes.



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Softball season outlook

Lindsay McDowall
Staff Writer



Last season, the Lady Golden Bear Softball team wowed Tech with their 29-16 record. This season, they hope to break that record. I interviewed Softball Coach Karin Gadberry about her team's upcoming season.

Me: Do you expect this year's team to beat that record?

Her: "I expect my team to go out and play hard each and every game. We look to have a successful season and win as many games as we can."

Me: What do you think are the team's biggest challenges?

Her: "We are a young team and look to have lots of new faces out of the field this year. We have 6 freshmen who will be able to gain a lot of experience and make an immediate impact on the team. A big key will be how fast the freshmen adjust from the high school to college game as well as our returners leading us. We will also be playing 13 DH series away as well as participating in the USCAA Preseason Kickoff tournament which is a tough schedule to play that many away games. We only have 8 Home series this year which means we will be on the road a lot."

Me: What would you say the team has worked on the hardest in order to reach their season goals?

Her: "We have been working all year long on conditioning and we spend a lot of time in the batting cage. We hit, hit, and hit! The pitchers have been pitching 3 days a week and have worked on developing specific pitches."

Me: What are the team's strong points?

Her: "One of our strongest points is our hitting. We spend a lot of time hitting in the 2 batting cages on campus. We also not only film ourselves but our opponents so that we can better prepare for teams we

are going to face. We like to focus on our communication and the fundamentals of the game."

She also wanted to comment, "We play our home games at Riverside High School and welcome any faculty, staff and students to come out and watch us play. It generally only takes 1 hour and 30 minutes to play a game, so it goes by pretty fast. We will be hosting our annual Strikeout Cancer weekend on April 7th and 8th and will be selling the pink shirts beginning on Feb. 6th at the home men's and women's basketball games. T-shirts are \$10 and can be bought from any of the softball players. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society."

Katie Campbell, senior, had this to say about her team; "The team this year has better vibes with each other. We have better communication with our teammates. We also have a team of very athletic women, with more power, and stamina to have the ability to last longer throughout our double headers.

"I believe that this year's team can definitely break the record that we had last year, we have more teammates to make it through this time around. With all these players means more heart, and with more heart comes strength to get through.

"I'm definitely sad that this is my last season; softball is something that I've been playing since I was four years old, and it comes so natural to me as if it was walking. When thinking that it's about to be over, drives me crazy. I feel like I'm going to have no life without softball. Then again this sport has prepared me for everything that I'm about to venture into life with after college with so I feel so blessed and thankful that my ability to play softball has gotten me so far in my life. This is something I'm definitely going to have a hard to leaving softball behind in my past but so proud to say I did it and was a part of."

There is no doubt that this year's team is going to go far!

Golden Bear Baseball: Successful expectations

Joe Sherfey
Staff Writer



The fifth year of coaching for Coach Nesselrodt has now presented itself to the WVU Tech Baseball team. With many years of experience, he has great expectations for this season. Not only does he have experience, but also has a great team with the most returning seniors of West Virginia Tech's history as well as five great senior leaders.

Grant Williams, Jonathan Prince, Ryan Kessinger, Kevin Bocock and Jose Soto are the five seniors on the team. Each senior has brought many of their talents together to better themselves as well as their team. Jose Soto said that he believes that his "energy" is what gives him his great leadership skills. He brings a determination and ambition that rub off on the rest of the team and drive them to perform better. Grant Williams said that he believes that the younger players are beginning to see what comes from hard work and

determination.

According to Jonathan Prince, the seniors are also the go-to-guys. When other players need help on their dynamics for the game they go to the seniors.

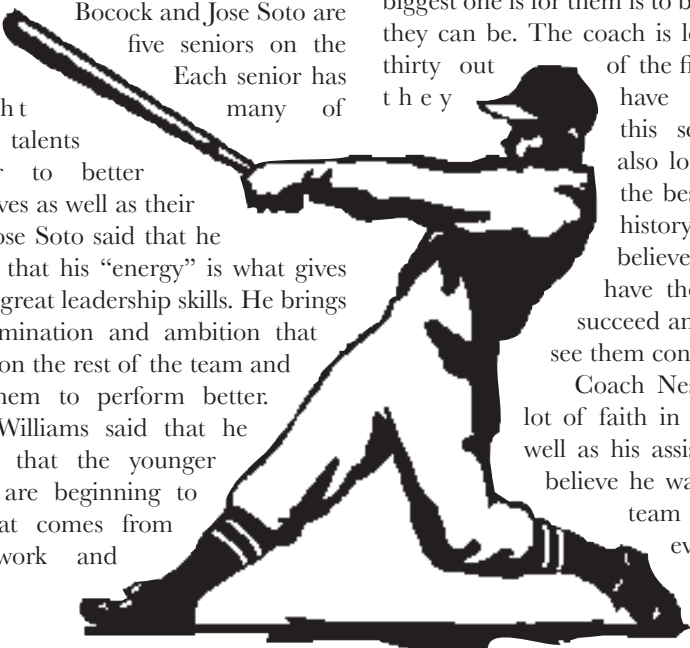
The baseball team is more like a brotherhood, not just a team, but a family. Growing together to strengthen each other and hopefully win as many games as they can. Even if they do not achieve this goal, they can at least look back and

enjoy the memories they have made this year.

Head Coach Nesselrodt and Assistant Coach Enourato both seem to have a passion for the game. Coach Nesselrodt has plenty of experience in coaching while Coach Enourato has plenty of experience in the sport itself, playing professionally as well as at WVU. This might be the big reason he has such a bond with the team. They understand that he has the background to show the team how to better themselves. By listening to his advice they might reach the expectations that they have for themselves and their team mates. With all the goals they have set, the biggest one is for them is to be the best that they can be. The coach is looking to win thirty out of the fifty-five games they have planned for this season. He is also looking to have the best team in the history of Tech. He believes that they have the potential to succeed and he wants to see them continue to build.

Coach Nesselrodt has a lot of faith in his players as well as his assistant coach. I believe he wants to see his team succeed in every aspect and to show this school and West Virginia just

what West Virginia Tech's baseball team is all about. The five main key components to a team are leadership, fellowship, dedication, determination and passion for the game. This team has a whole lot of each and I believe they will be a great team. I am looking to see many wins as well as many goals achieved this year. So to the baseball team, I say good luck and have a great season.



Spring 2013 Pool Hours

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GRIN AND BEAR IT!

"BUCKWILD"



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Whether you hate it or love it, the new MTV hit show *Buckwild* has premiered and brought both positive and negative opinions into the minds and hearts of West Virginians. If you are affiliated with the school WVU Tech, be that a student, facilitator, administrator or staff, you have surely heard about the show. You may not have seen an episode just yet but you probably already have an idea on what you think of it, even though we were raised with the wisdom that you can't judge a book by its cover. Is this one of those cases, where you shouldn't judge the show based on it being about a group of wild West Virginian kids? Or should you give it a chance, watch a few episodes, and decide for yourself if it is really as bad as people seem to say?

Before I begin going into my opinion of the show, I would like to quote a few of my classmates, who have some strong feelings about what is being aired on national television. The first student I interviewed preferred to remain anonymous but went to school with pretty boy Tyler, the ladies' man on the show who scored with the princess of the bunch, Cara, during the second episode. "I went to school with Tyler, and I've heard from other people who went to school with those other people, most of it's not true. They aren't how they act on the show.

The one guy that was supposed to be the prom king who didn't go to his own prom, [Shain Gandee], I heard he was a "prep" so to speak in high school, and did go to prom, and had the best time of his life. The girls aren't that way either, and the dump truck was provided for them to use to make the pool. It's something to bring in money I guess."

This proves that the show is scripted, and not necessarily what the "wild" teenagers would normally do. Another opinion comes from sophomore Armon Millner, "It gives West Virginia a bad name in my opinion. It's just about a bunch of crazy [stuff] all the time and just mess around. I guess that the cast lucked out by getting chosen. I can imagine that there were a lot of people who wanted to be on the show, and only a few got chosen, two of which were former Tech students, one [a] Tech graduate. They were lucky that they can be on television and get paid to have scripted fun. I don't know, I don't like the show."

These two opinions are obviously negative, and not hot on the idea of MTV raiding our state and "scripting" a TV show about some hell raisers living in Sissonville and Point Pleasant. Now it is time for my opinion on the matter. Okay, this show can obviously be looked at as fake and

not portraying what daily life in West Virginia is actually like. However, I do believe that the show is entertaining. Let's compare *Buckwild* to the other MTV hit, *Jersey Shore*. Personally, I would rather watch a group of hell bent teenagers make a waterslide in the back yard, roll down a hill in a giant tire and jump off bridges into a river than watch a group of cocky young adults that are on steroids go out to the bar or club and get in a fight about some guy looking at another girl.

While *Buckwild* may bring a negative connotation to West Virginia, let's slow down and think about it. Shain Gandee is the obvious redneck. I know that I have friends that are obvious rednecks, and I'm sure that most people who are WV natives can think of someone who fits that description. We have the pretty boy Tyler, the girly/country girl Cara, and the chick that gets in fights, Anna, who can all be compared to people that we know and interact with in daily life. Some of the stuff that they do on the show is a bit wild, but honestly, who wouldn't swim in a dump truck pool or slide down a water slide in the back yard? We say that it gives WV a bad name, but when I think back to what some of the things that I did with my friends in high school, I wonder why a TV show wasn't made about us. We

have all done crazy things in our lives. We live in a state that has the terrain and environment to do some crazy, fun things and we do them. Other people around the country find this to be entertaining and want to watch it, probably out of jealousy because they want to do the same fun kind of activities, but can't because they live in the city or they simply don't have the sense of adventure that us West Virginians have, and then we get upset about that? I apologize to those who do not care for the show or think that it gives us a bad name, because I respectfully disagree. I enjoy watching the show on Thursday evenings, and will continue to do so.

I believe that we are who we are, and we shouldn't be worried that a simple TV show is going to make people hate us. If they do, then we shouldn't want to be acquainted with them anyway because it all goes back to the words of wisdom that I used at the beginning of this article. You can't judge a book by its cover; and if people judge us based on this TV show, then they aren't worth our time. Personally, I don't think it makes us look bad anyway; I think it shows us as having a sense of adventure, creativity, ability and delight. Hate it or love it, at this time we must simply "Grin and Bear it" because the ratings are high and the show isn't leaving television any time soon.



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- Yay:** Superbowl parties
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- Nay:** 49er's lose!
- Nay:** Snow
- Yay:** More snow
- Nay:** Applying to graduate costs \$100
- Yay:** Live Epic Rap Battles
- Yay:** Valentine's Day!
- Nay:** Being overworked and underpaid
- Yay:** Giving back to the community
- Nay:** Haters
- Yay:** Successful recruitment
- Yay:** You picked up a Collegian!
- Yay:** Awesome professors

Capito announces Senate bid

Jordan Hill
Staff Writer



How early is too early? Apparently it is never too early to announce your future political aspirations, according to Republican Congresswoman Shelley Moore Capito of West Virginia's second congressional district. Almost three weeks after winning her seventh term in the U.S. House of Representatives, Capito announced she would run for the U.S. Senate whether Senator Jay Rockefeller was going to run for reelection or not. Even though Rockefeller, a Democrat, has comfortably held the seat since 1984, it did not scare the congresswoman.

Capito's announcement itself did not come as a huge surprise for those politically savvy individuals, but the timing did. There has been speculation for a long time that she would run for the seat but no one knew when until rumors of the longtime Senator Rockefeller retiring came to light. Even though he had not announced retirement at the time, Capito went ahead and made her intentions clear. To dodge criticism for announcing so early, she wanted West Virginians to know why she did. "It is time to focus on governing. For this reason, I have decided to make my political intentions for 2014 known now so that I can get back to work in Washington, and avoid disruptive political speculation," she said in her announcement on November 26.

The media instantly jumped to get an opinion from Senator Rockefeller, but all they could get out of him was that he was focused on the issues at

hand in Washington, not politics. State Democratic Party Chairman Larry Puccio echoed those sentiments. "I believe Senator Jay Rockefeller will continue to work for children, veterans, seniors, and all working men and women and their families in West Virginia," Puccio said. State Republican Party Chairman Conrad Lucas strongly disagreed with Chairman Puccio. "For far too long, Jay Rockefeller has been more interested in endearing himself to America's liberal elite than serving the good people of West Virginia," Lucas said.

On January 11, the 75 year old senator announced his retirement. After about three decades in elective office, it was time to, "bring more balance to my life after a career that has been so obsessively dominated by politics and public policy and campaigns," he said. "I've gotten way out of whack in terms of the time I should spend with my wife and my children and my grandchildren." As usual, the media jumped at the opportunity to find out what Democrats were interested in this seat, even though they would have to take on a very popular Congresswoman Capito. One of the first individuals they thought of was Congressman Nick Rahall from West Virginia's third district.

Two days after Rockefeller's announcement, The Register Herald, a newspaper out of Congressman Rahall's hometown, published an article announcing that Rahall is considering a run for the seat. "Jay's decision has made it incumbent upon me to recalibrate all my decisions in terms of what is in the best interests of the people of West Virginia," he said in a statement. Rahall has served

southern West Virginia in congress since 1976, but keeps coming closer and closer to losing each time. He barely defeated former delegate and Beckley carpenter Rick Snuffer in 2012. In 2010 Rahall defeated former Supreme Court Justice Spike Maynard after a nasty and close campaign battle.

The question now is who will take a shot at the third congressional seat if Rahall does decide to run for the U.S. Senate. Republicans have high hopes of taking that seat so the whole West Virginia delegation in the House of Representatives will be Republican. Not only does the West Virginia Republican Party hope for this, but the National Republican Congressional Committee would love nothing more because they have tried to unseat him for a good while now. NRCC spokeswoman Katie Prill released a statement on the matter and she did not mince words. "West Virginians are ready to send Nick Rahall packing," she said. "At every turn, Rahall has supported President Obama's anti-coal, anti-job policies over West Virginia families. So why wouldn't he take a long shot for the Senate? It will keep him busy before he inevitably joins the unemployment line when he is retired in 2014 for constantly voting against West Virginia."

Whether Congressman Rahall or any other Democrat decides to run, they will have an uphill battle with Congresswoman Capito. She is very popular throughout the whole state, even in Rahall's district according to polling done recently by Harper Polling. She not only wins in the first and second congressional districts, but she is even ahead of Rahall in his own third district. West Virginia could very well move even closer to becoming a two party state after 2014; maybe even a Republican state.

What would be the perfect Valentine's Day for you?



“Dinner with my boyfriend, Eric, at Japanese (my favorite) and then going home, cuddling up on the couch, and having a movie marathon.”
-Kate Colagrosso



“Me and the girl I’m crazy about go out for a fancy dinner. I’ll spoil her with flowers and chocolates. Go back to my room and just the two of us get into bed, get some hot chocolate, and watch a funny romantic (romantic part would be just for her of course) movie and after that we would just chat about how wonderful and amazing I am. Just kidding! We just chat about anything until we fall asleep – of course, I’d love for a kiss to happen somewhere along the night!”
-Rami Shamout

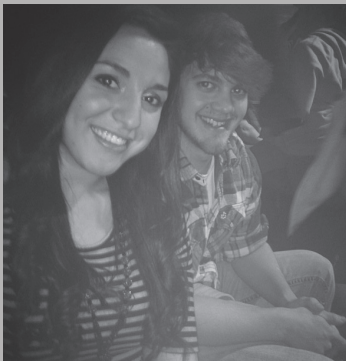


“My perfect Valentine’s Day would be a day spent with a man I love doing something that is fun and meaningful. Being with someone who you care about means more than flowers and candy and gifts.”
-Caitlyn Motes

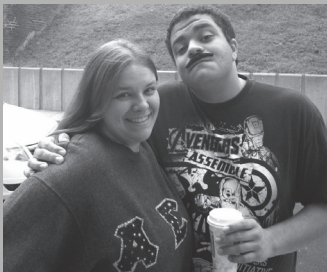
“A girlfriend.” -LS Wang

“I would love a homemade dinner and a movie on the couch with dessert. That would be really special and intimate to me.”
-Mary Cunningham

“Having no school and no work to do so I can spend all day next to my significant other.”
-Jenn Lyons



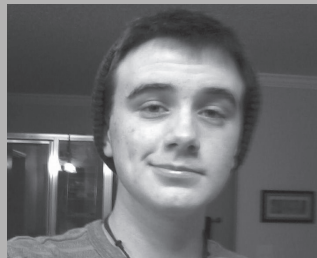
“Well, since Safe Haven comes out Valentine’s Day, the perfect Valentine’s Day for me would be a home cooked meal and to see Safe Haven! But as long as I get to spend all day with my boy that’s all I need.”
-Haley Pauley



“A good movie and nice meal all paid for by someone who doesn’t expect me to return their feelings, calls, or pretend to be nice. Then a nice long nap. Ya know, to sleep off all that exhausting human social interaction I just did. Also a nice present like a stuffed animal, but no friggin chocolates or chalk hearts.”
-Tyler Green



“Me having access to a proper kitchen so I could cook my girlfriend an actually good meal, followed up by us watch a nontypical Valentine’s Day movie, action or horror, and spending the night together with a midnight munchies run.”
-Tyler Whirtley



“Um, having a girl to talk to/cuddle with not having to worry about presents.”
-Rob Leibel

“To have my husband (who is in Texas) surprise me with a visit/get away!”
-Amy Cotner-Klingler

dear sophia

Dear Sophia,
Me and my friends won’t have Valentine’s this year. We all want to do something together to kind of bash the whole clique Valentine’s stuff, but we aren’t sure what to do. Any ideas?

Sincerely,
Clique Crew

Dear Clique Crew,
This is a really good opportunity for you and your friends to start an awesome tradition! Start a bash-Valentine’s-Day party! This party can be something you do each year with each other, and not follow the clique Valentine’s Day tradition. Have someone offer to have a hosting house where all of you can meet up and decorate for, including black balloons and nothing Valentine’s Day related. Maybe even take a road trip and go roller-skating at the Grand Prix where you can skate to the amazing music they provide. At this party you can have food, funny movies and just have the time of your life with the girls that will always be there for you, with or without a man.

Yours truly,
Sophia

Dear Sophia,
I’m only in the first three weeks of the semester, and I already feel overwhelmed. What can I do to make this semester go more smoothly?

Sincerely,
Stressed Student

Dear Stressed Student,
First, take a deep breath. At the beginning of every semester, sometimes just getting to know all of your teachers, all of your future assignments and knowing the content of each course can get very overwhelming. Just

remember to always manage your time accordingly. If you manage all of your assignments and tests well, everything else will fall into place. Also, keep a good, professional relationship with all of your professors. If anything gets too overwhelming or too difficult, they have office hours for you to ask for help whenever you need it!

Yours truly,
Sophia

Dear Sophia,
My boyfriend wants to get a tattoo. My family and I both do not agree on tattoos and have totally different views on tattoos. If he gets a tattoo, I won’t know how to explain it to my parents and I might not want to be with him anymore. What do I do?

Sincerely,
Troubled Trudy

Dear Troubled Trudy,
You need to sit your boyfriend down and explain the severity of the whole situation. Explain your views, as well as your parents and how much these views mean to you. If he really loves you, then your views and opinions will ultimately come in front of his own. Another thing to keep in mind is that tattoos will never go away and you need to emphasize that to him. Tattoos that are open to the public and cannot be hidden easily will also hit him when it comes to getting a job, or making a good impression in general. If you guys do come to some sort of compromise, make sure the tattoo is not noticeable and can be covered. Having the tattoos covered will keep you and your family happy.
Yours truly,
Sophia

Searching for answers to life's questions?

Write to Sophia

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Featured Golden Bear Alumni: Jenny Vineyard

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This issue’s Featured Alumni is Jenny Vineyard. She is a graduate of WVU Tech and an alumna of Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority. Starting her college career at Marshall University, Jenny transferred to WVU Tech in time for her junior and senior years. While at Tech, she joined Alpha Sigma Tau which was very active in the Greek life on campus. She enjoyed all the normal activities of a college student living in Montgomery! The following is an interview I conducted with her.

Me: What was your major?

Her: Biology.

Me: What activities did you do while you attended Tech?

Her: I was pretty involved with Alpha Sigma Tau while I was there and if I wasn’t spending time on that, I was studying or helping others with their biology and chemistry.

Me: What did you do at Tech outside of academics that you would say has impacted you most in your life?

Her: I would have to say being a part of Alpha Sigma Tau has had a major impact on my life. I was surrounded by an awesome group of ladies and I made a lot of lifelong friends through activities with my sorority and the other Greek organizations on campus.

Me: What is your favorite memory from Tech?

Her: One of my favorite memories was talking to former university president Dr. Karen LaRoe about Kraft mac and cheese and ramen noodles being something you never lose a taste for once you spend years in college eating them. I was hoping she was wrong, but now that I’ve been out of college for many years now, I can verify that she was right. She always made time for students and seemed to be a fan of random conversations.

Me: What was your favorite class, and who was your favorite professor?

Her: I think my favorite class would have to be microbiology or geology. My favorite teacher would have to be Dr. Parks or Dr. Gaertner.

Me: Would you change anything about your experience at Tech?

Her: The only thing I would have changed would have been to start my college career there instead of Marshall and transferring in before my junior year.

Me: Where around campus/ Montgomery were your favorite places to go?

Her: I’d have to say going to Frank’s Pizza and DQ were my favorites. The calzones are awesome and DQ was at the far end of town so it was a rare treat for someone that didn’t have a car on campus to find someone that wanted to walk all the way there.

Me: What did you find most exciting about Tech? Most boring?

Her: Most exciting... that would have to be the possibility of running into native

wildlife on one of Dr. Parks’ ecology hikes on Tech Mountain. Nothing like trying to hike up the mountain while trying to stay far enough away from a bear. The most boring thing would probably be the lack of things to do on a weekend. When I asked other people what they did for fun on weekends, they usually said they go to Charleston or Beckley. I’m from Charleston so you can imagine how disheartening that was to hear.

Me: What would you say was your hardest class?

Her: Hardest class was probably Organic Chemistry II. Dr. Kirland warned us that if we were good at chemistry that we would struggle with organic and if we didn’t do so well in chemistry, we’d likely do well in organic because the rules weren’t always the same. She was right!

Me: Do you have any advice for current students?

Her: My advice for current students is to learn good study skills and habits in the first 2 years. By your junior and senior year, there was usually too much material to try to cram for a test with and it’s no time to try to learn to study effectively. Study, but don’t forget to have fun and enjoy the experience.

As you can see, many of the “perks” of Montgomery haven’t changed from year to year! We all still enjoy the same things as our alumni. Jenny currently resides near Charleston, West Virginia with her daughter, and is in frequent contact with her collegiate sorority sisters and visits Tech when she can. She is a wonderful mother and sister!

Valentine’s Day fashion advice

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Valentine’s Day is a day where lovers throughout the world spend the day with the one they love and to show their significant other what love really means. Most couples go out to eat, go see a new chick flick or do something fun like ice skate. Wherever you and your significant other decide to go, deciding what to wear is always a key factor.

If you are a female who wants to look hot, first decide where you guys are going. If you are going on a nice dinner date to a restaurant, wear something that accentuates your curves while staying classy. Try wearing a tight, knee-length casual dress in Valentine colors such as red, maroon, or even pink and your special man will have his eyes all over you. Also, a simple black dress or outfit can be easily turned into a hot Valentine outfit by accenting it with pops of colors; for example, a set of bright red pumps or a hot pink blouse. If you end up going somewhere more fun and outgoing, go for the casual-cute look with a pair of dark blue jeans, and just wear a cute red or pink top.

Now if you are the man that is trying to impress your girlfriend, then this is your day to shine by looking your best. If you decide to do something fancy, rock the slick, classy and sophisticated look by wearing a pair of black dress pants with a black leather belt, and a nice maroon button up shirt, and do not forget the shiny black shoes! If you decide to do something more laid back and fun, be yourself. Girls are supposed to be the ones that dress up, and if you are planning a special night full of fun and excitement, your gal will just be so happy that you put the thought into making this an amazing Valentine’s Day.



Black History Month from front page

African American man who led the civil rights movement through non-violent protest. He fought for those without a voice of their own and dreamed about the day that blacks and whites could get along, get married, have children, be friends and be accepted peacefully by society. On April 4, 1968 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated on the balcony of his hotel room in Memphis, Tennessee. Although Dr. King died, his legacy has lived on and his courage has given the voiceless a voice.

Another civil rights activist who influenced so many others was 42 year-old seamstress Rosa Parks. On December 1, 1955 Parks refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery, Alabama city bus to a white man. She was then arrested and convicted of violating the Jim Crow laws for segregation. Rosa Parks did not give up; she appealed her conviction and began challenging the issue of segregation in the legal system. She then went on to organize a boycott towards the bus station and chose Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as the leader of the boycott. The boycott lasted three hundred and eighty-one days until

December 1956 when the U.S. declared the Jim Crow laws unconstitutional. The Montgomery city buses where then integrated and non-violent movements became a revolutionary way to protest and speak your mind without violence or hatred towards one another.

There are many famous African Americans that made an impact on black history and changed the lives of fellow African Americans forever. All of them had different mind sets, morals and beliefs; yet only one goal, freedom and equality for African Americans. Some of the most influential and impactful people fought in the civil rights movement such as W.E.B DuBois, Malcolm X, Medgar Evers, Ruby Bridges, Fredrick Douglass, Jesse Jackson, Thurgood Marshall and many, many others. So throughout this month, take the opportunity to learn about the civil rights movement and everything these heroes had to endure in order to insure the freedom and equality of others because that is the true definition of courage and fearlessness.

What college students *really* want to know: What do gals actually want for V-Day?

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Staff Writer



Most guys get their special lady chocolate, stuffed animals or flowers, but what do the girls really want? I asked a few guys what they thought women wanted.

Some said they want the base values of being appreciated and love, while others say that girls want to get something on Valentine’s Day. According to them it does not matter what they get as long as you show them how much you care. There were other guys who believed that money is the key to a woman’s heart; if you do not have it, you are out of luck. But this is just the view of the boys who are trying to find the right gift.

What is it that girls really want for Valentine’s Day? I interviewed a few girls and some matched up with what the guys said, just someone that shows they care. But there were a few who surprised me; they said they want something expensive to show how much the guy really cares. If he really cares he would be willing to make a few sacrifices. Then I went on to ask for specifics. One girl said that she liked jewelry, not a ring, but a necklace or earrings. The other said that she would like to go to a fancy

restaurant and maybe a movie or something afterwards. She said spending time with her man while making memories would be a good Valentine’s Day and shows that the guy really does care. Another girl said that she would want a gift that shows the guy really thought about it to shows he cares. It could be by getting her favorite flowers or finding a romantic place to spend time together.

I really think that it makes sense for a girl to want gifts from her boyfriend. They want to make sure the guy will do even the little things for them and treat them like they should be. Every girl is different, but most of their wants and desires are similar in some way. Most want affection from the guy they care for as well as proof that they do.

Relationships are not built on items, but the items can be a way of showing you care. So to all the guys who are looking for something to get your special gal, find something that fits your girl for who she is. You should know her better than most, so show that you do. The girl is not always going to tell you what she wants, simply because that ruins the surprise. Take her out on a date to her favorite restaurant or to a place that brings back some of the best memories. Do not be afraid to spend some money on your girl. If she is the right girl, she will like what you get her. Remember to keep her interests at heart and to have a safe Valentine’s Day.



Survival Guide from front page

What cuter way to tell the guy or gal you like that you are crushing on them? While it may be cheesy, they will no doubt remember it! Ladies, make a move. It will impress your man that you had the guts to make the move. Guys, you will make her heart melt if you use Valentine’s Day to reveal your feelings.

-Decorate their door with hearts all over it with reasons why you want them to be your Valentine. It may be cheesy, but the work you put in it will show and will mean a lot to that special someone!

-Here’s a cute idea for a guy or a gal! Get a piece of poster board, and title it “Things I Love About You.” Using candy bars (signaled by () around the word) write the following:

1. You make me (snicker) all day long!
2. You’re a (goodbar, cover ‘bar’) person.
3. You’re (Red Hots)!
4. You’re such a (sweet tarts).

5. You make me (extra (the gum)) happy.

Feel free to browse the candy section and create your own cute sayings!

In a Relationship

If you want to be cute and romantic, there are endless possibilities!

-Grab a truck and throw some blankets in the back. Pack some hot chocolate, dress warmly and take your significant other out stargazing somewhere quiet.

-Have a study date together. Borrow their textbook and quickly hide cute notes all throughout the pages. Not only will they find some while studying, they will no doubt find them throughout the year as well, keeping your love and their spirits up!

-Head out to a special dinner, such as Hibachi in Charleston, and then catch a movie or go ice skating.

-Nothing says cheesy like silk boxers for

your man!

-Have a sexy scavenger hunt! Have clues that lead to a recreation of your first kiss, and other special times.

-Have to stay on campus? Get to go boxes from the Bear’s Den and sit down, just the two of you. Get some electric, no flame candles for a romantic vibe. Later, snuggle up in bed and watch a movie.

Whatever you do, make sure it is something you will both enjoy, and that the focus is on you two. The day is for you two to celebrate how much you love each other!

In a Long Distance Relationship

While all relationships take work, long distance relationships are no doubt the most difficult.

-Depending on the distance between you two, surprise your significant other with a visit!

-If you are too far away for a visit, sit

down to dinner together. Schedule a time to have a Skype date, but eat dinner at the same time. It os about as close as you can get to a romantic dinner! Maybe you can pick what the other eats to make it a little more special.

-Watch the same movie on the phone. Make it a movie neither of you have seen before, so you can share all the laugh out loud, screaming or tears together.

-Get cute gifts and mail them to each other. You can get mugs made. One side of the mugs will have your state and the other side will have theirs. A heart sits on the city where you are, and a dotted line connects the two. The mug also says, “Together forever, never apart. Maybe in distance, but never at heart.”

No matter your relationship status, Valentine’s Day is a day to celebrate the ones you love whether it is a boyfriend, a girlfriend, your friends or your family. Enjoy time with the ones you love! There are no limits to what you can do. Be cheesy, be loud, be proud, be reserved, be you!

Eros: The god behind the cherub face

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With Valentine’s Day right around the corner, the majority of Americans are taking part in mushy celebrations of love; flowers, candies, an arrow from Cupid’s bow to ensure the affections of a lovely, young lady. To people today, Cupid is a bubbly, winged baby that spreads love and affection; but to the Greeks he was known as Eros and he was not always the proverbial cherub.

Eros, also known as the god of love and sexual desire (and sometimes fertility) is among the oldest in the Greek pantheon even though he does not appear in modern mythology until much later. He was written of in the Dionysian Mysteries as being the “first born”. However, there are several different stories surrounding his birth; one of the most popular being that Eros is the son of Aphrodite and Ares.

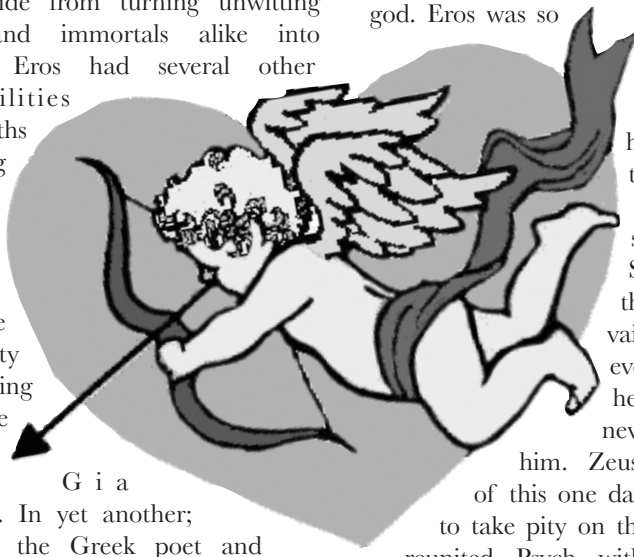
Aside from turning unwitting humans and immortals alike into love-birds, Eros had several other responsibilities and myths surrounding him. Early legends speak of Eros having the responsibility of uniting Uranus (the Heaven or Sky) and G i a (the Earth). In yet another; a play by the Greek poet and philosopher, Aristophanes, Eros is said to have “hatched our race and made it appear into the light.” But, as the poet Sappho wrote, Eros was not without malice. He could be bitter sweet and even cruel to those he shot with his arrows; causing as much mischief as possible and wounding the hearts of everyone surrounding him. And yet, Sappho also depicted him as the most beautiful and charming of men. Unfortunately for Eros, even the most beautiful and charming men can meet their match.

Within the same myth that Eros is the son of Aphrodite is the story of Psyche. Legend has it that Psyche was the most beautiful of all mortal women. Being the goddess of beauty and being somewhat vain and vengeful, Aphrodite became very jealous of the human girl and ordered Eros to shoot her with one of his golden arrows and make her fall in love with the ugliest man on Earth. Because Eros liked to cause havoc and did not mind going along with his mother’s conniving schemes he went to do just that.

However, when he looked upon her face Eros fell in love with the beautiful Psyche. He would come in secret to her every night and conceal himself in the darkness of Psyches chambers. Eros requested that she never lay eyes upon him and for a time she complied. However, Psyche soon found herself in love with Eros and wanted to look into the eyes of the man that she so adored. So, one night after he fell asleep she lit a lamp to glimpse him by, but a drop of the hot oil spilled; awaking the god. Eros was so angered by

h e r disregard to his orders and he fled back to Olympus. Psyche was so distraught. She roamed the Earth in vain; looking everywhere for her lover and never finding him. Zeus took notice of this one day and decided to take pity on the pair and he reunited Psych with Eros, even giving them permission to marry. So the story goes, the god of love found love himself. And much like those he toyed with, Eros found his affections did not come so easily and without angst. After his marriage to Psych, Eros continued his duties as the god of love but maybe with just a little more incite into the lives of those he matched.

All information found at <http://www.pantheon.org/article/e/eros.html>



Chef Sherfey’s V-Day Special

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Chicken Pasta

Ingredients:

- A half a pound of linguine pasta
- 1 (8 ounce) boneless, skinless chicken breast, diced
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 3 tablespoons of olive oil
- 6 whole garlic cloves
- (optional) 4 ounces of halved, fresh mushrooms
- 6 ounces of roasted red peppers, drained and chopped
- 1 (7.5 ounce) jar marinated artichoke hearts, drained and quartered
- 3 ounces of fresh spinach leaves
- A fourth a cup of basil pesto
- 1 tablespoon of freshly grated parmesan cheese

Preparation:

First, fill a pot with salted water and boil over high heat. Once the water is boiling, you need to start stirring in the linguine. Next cook the pasta uncovered while stirring ever so often, for about 11 minutes. And make sure to drain in a colander set in the sink. Then while the pasta is boiling, dust the diced chicken with salt and pepper. Now, heat the olive oil in a skillet over medium heat and cook the chicken for about 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Next, stir in the garlic cloves, roasted red peppers, mushrooms and artichoke hearts; reduce heat to a simmer, and cook the mushrooms for somewhere between 5 to 8 minutes. Now stir in the spinach and simmer until the leaves are wilted. Then move the cooked linguine into a bowl, and mix with the basil pesto. Distribute the pasta between 2 plates, and serve with the chicken blend. Finally sprinkle Parmesan cheese over each plate. Voila, a meal for two has been made.

Chocolate German Cake

Ingredients:

- A half a cup of water
- 4 (1 ounce) squares of German sweet chocolate
- 1 cup of butter, softened
- 2 cups of white sugar

- 4 egg yolks
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla extract
- 1 cup of buttermilk
- 2 half cup of cake flour
- 1 teaspoon of baking soda
- Half a teaspoon of salt
- 4 egg whites
- 1 cup of white sugar
- 1 cup of evaporated milk
- Half a cup of butter
- 3 egg yolks, beaten
- 1 and a third cups of flaked coconut
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- A half a teaspoon of shortening
- 1 (1 ounce) square of semisweet chocolate

Preparations:

First, preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Then grease and flour a 3 - 9 inch round pans. Next, mix the flour, baking soda and salt together. Now, heat water and 4 ounces of chocolate in a small saucepan until the mixture is melted. Then allow the mixture to cool. Next, cream 1 cup butter and 2 cups sugar until light and fluffy in a large bowl. Then, beat in 4 egg yolks, one at a time. Now, blend in the melted chocolate mixture and vanilla. Beat in the flour mixture in turn with the buttermilk, mixing just until unified. Then, in a glass or metal mixing bowl, beat egg whites until stiff peaks form. Fold 1/3 of the whites into the batter, and then quickly fold in remaining whites until no streaks remain. Pour the batter into the 3 - 9 inch pans.

Now it is time to bake the cake in the preheated oven for 30 minutes. Then allow the cake to cool for 10 minutes in the pan. When the cake is done cooling, turn it out onto a wire rack. The most important part is next, time to make the filling: combine 1 cup sugar, evaporated milk, 1/2 cup butter, and 3 egg yolks in a saucepan. Now cook over a low heat, stirring continuously until thickened. Remove from the heat. And begin to mix in coconut, pecans and vanilla. Cool until dense enough to spread. Almost finished now, spread the delicious filling between layers and on top of the cake. Finally, in a small saucepan, melt shortening and 1 ounce of chocolate. Stir and drizzle down the sides of the cake.

Saving the World

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Last time: Jason had just discovered his new grown talents and powers as well as the interest he had in a girl for so long. He has much more to learn about his precious town and more chaos is soon to be unfolded right in front of his own eyes.

Continued:

He had no other interest in any of the others who had a crush on him and he wanted to tell her. As he sat there eating, he soon noticed that she had come to the very same place as him.

“Hey Jason, is this seat taken?” said Chelcey.

“No, that seats not taken, you can sit there!” said Jason.

“So Jason why haven’t you been at school recently? I never see you in class or in the halls anymore.”

“Sorry,” said Jason. “I just can’t concentrate in school anymore and I just get in too many fights with the punks in between classes.”

“Well just forget about those guys, you can just come and see me and we can be close again like we were when we first met!” exclaimed Chelcey.

Jason was stunned but happy Chelcey had been talking to him again. He had missed the joy and sound of her soothing voice and enjoyed her company. Nothing else seemed to matter to him at that point.

That very night he had been up late working on a project for school when he heard a weird noise in the halls of the apartment building he was staying at. A man had been talking to himself out in the hall and as well in several other languages that Jason did not recognize. “Hello, sir? Are you alright sir? Sir?” asked Jason.

The man had been crying and seemed to not have any control of himself or the things he was saying. He was covered in blood that looked to be not of his own but of someone else’s entirely. The man looked up at Jason and began to ramble on and on. “Our father is with us, our father is with us, our father is with us,” he said.

Jason was confused but thought he had an understanding of our father. “His fire burns up the earth and no one can stop his rage,” the man repeated once more. Jason asked himself, had the man been talking about God or had he been talking about the descendant of an angel named Lucifer?

Out of nowhere the man attacked Jason knocking him onto the ground. Jason barely gathered himself making it easy to uppercut the man and got a good step ahead of him to escape. The man seemed like he had gone into a rage of some kind. His eyes were black and dark as if possessed by a demon. He yelled as if someone had killed his family and was trying to seek revenge but Jason was the killer intended.

Jason ran and ran until he could finally get away from the man by hoping over a fence onto a small building. The man punched the wall in anger and beat his head on it busting his forehead wide open. Blood had started gushing out of the man’s head but he did not seem to be fazed by it what so ever. The man yelled out at Jason with an angry tone, “The devil is upon us, this is his town and you are first on the list Jason, you and your family.”

Jason had barley regained his strength from the gore he had just witnessed. How did the man know his name? What did he mean by “this is the devil’s town”? All Jason knew was he had to find out what was happening to this town and fast.

Finally, Jason walked back into his apartment ready to get some sleep but his nerves kept him up all night after seeing the chaos of that man’s behavior. Slowly fading into slumber, Jason begins to go into a dream-like state. Darkness filled the room and fire began to arise. The stage held a man hanging by himself with no one in site. A pit below him big enough to use as a pool laid waiting for his demise. What the man had been sitting on was a cross like figure and his clothes covered in what looked like his own blood. Wounds unbound and skin pale as can be; Jason yelled at him but only to get no response. The man slowly awakened to the horror before him confused and distraught about the very place he was strung to.

To be continued...

Superbowl from front page

age took over the area and the lights in the superdome shut off. Over a half hour later, after the lights warmed back up, the field was lit up and the 49ers took advantage of the break and began to run all over the Ravens, bringing the score to 28-23 off of two touchdowns and a field goal. The Ravens managed to get another field goal to extend their lead to 31-23 but San Francisco battled back with another touchdown after a 10 yard run from Kaepernick. With the game spread being only 2 points, the 49ers attempted a 2 point conversion to tie the score but failed to come down with the ball, leaving the game in the Ravens favor.

Baltimore wanted another touchdown to feel comfortable again, but the 49ers’ defense stopped them short on the next drive, and a field goal had to be made instead, bringing the

game to a 5 point spread. With the ball in San Francisco’s hands, it was the first time in the game that they had the chance to take the lead. After a long march, all the way to the 5 yard line, they were tragically stopped and had to resort to stopping the Raven’s offense with less than 2 minutes in the game. After a 3 and out, the Ravens took a safety, bringing the game to a 3 point spread, but allowing them to punt the ball to their opponents with only 4 seconds on the clock. After a booming kick, the only hope for the 49ers was to run the ball all the way back to the end-zone, but all hopes died when the ball carrier was tackled a good 50 yards before reaching his destination. The Baltimore Ravens, named after a poem by the great Edgar Allen Poe, with quarterback Joe Flacco receiving the MVP, became the 2013 Superbowl XLVII champions.



Superbowl halftime show

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The 2013 superbowl halftime show featured the one and only pop singer Beyoncé. Before the show started it was a hit or miss show, and once it was finished, most people believed that it was a fail as far as a concert was concerned, but it still had some highlights.

The super sexy Beyoncé took the stage wearing a ridiculous so called “dress” that showed all of her legs and half of her breast and showed off some 4 inch heals that she strutted across the stage with the attempt to make every man in the nation drop their jaw at her appearance and not listen to the poor attempt of vocals that echoed through the stadium and put a bewildered look on all who listened. The choreography included a lot of quick movements that the singer showed off along with her

many back up dancers and lights, clones, and effects took up the stage leaving the audience in awe at what they were seeing. This was not because of the amazing show that the singer was putting on, but was because of the effects that and camera tricks that were being implemented.

Halfway through the show, Beyoncé’s former group members, Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams came onto the stage and sang with their former leader. After some more poor choreography that left the three singers out of breath, Beyoncé was left on stage by herself once more and actually sang the song “Halo” with impressive vocals and some emotion in her voice. It took the entire halftime to get warmed up, but the ending of the show finished strong, after a poor start. I believe that what made the show were the effects and camera tricks that cloned the lead singer, and made it appear that there were several Beyoncé’s on stage shaking her ass and showing off her figure.

Movie Review: The Hobbit

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Following on the heels of the cinematic adventure, The Lord of the Rings, Peter Jackson once again brought the world of Middle Earth to life with The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey. I was beyond ecstatic to learn of the release of the film considering how much of a fan I had been of the previous trilogy by Jackson. However, after the waiting and build-up to the movie, once I actually went and experienced the film for myself I was slightly disappointed.

Make no mistake about it, in my opinion Jackson knows how to make a film. Beyond a doubt for me the special effects and the scenery were amazing. The acting was also spectacular. Ian McKellen, the actor portraying Gandalf, is always a

particular treat for me. I have nothing but respect for the man and his work. For me, unfortunately, the fault with The Hobbit lies in the story line. And even then, not necessarily the story line, but the fact that Jackson felt the need to extend his glory by making The Hobbit into a trilogy just like he did with the Lord of the Rings.

For those of you who read my previous review on The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien, or have read the it, you will know that the book is not a particularly long one; still full of suspense, excitement and adventure; but lighter none-the-less. The Hobbit, the book, for me was incredibly wonderful and it flowed fabulously. The movie, however, fell a little short of that for me. Roughly the first 45 minutes of the film was spent in `the home of Bilbo Baggins detailing what were only a few short chapters of the book.

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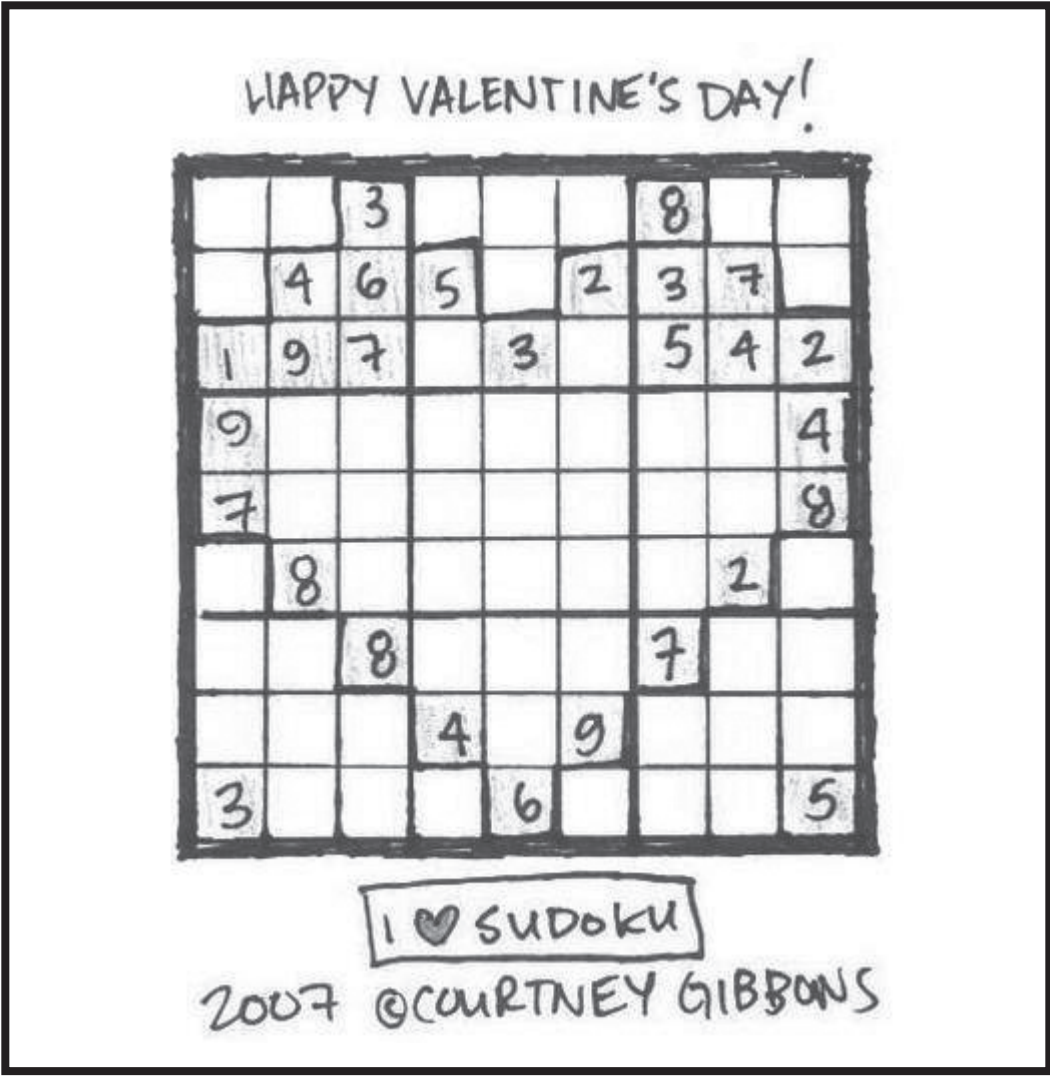
Jackson’s attention to detail. There is nothing more that I despise than loving a book beyond words and then seeing the cinematic representation and it is nothing like the book I hold so dear. So, without a doubt, no one can accuse Jackson of straying from the literary prowess of Tolkien with his previous films. However, there was an unexpected turn for me with The Hobbit; the appearance of some of the characters from the Lord of the Rings.

Nowhere in The Hobbit did Bilbo Baggins meet Galadriel, the Elvin Queen, nor Elrond (yet another royal Elf). And if my memory serves correctly, Bilbo Baggins did not encounter the enchanting Elvish city of Rivendell during his journey to the Lonely Mountain. So I do hold issue with Jackson for this. I am not sure what he was trying to achieve by adding these parts of the movie. In my personal opinion it was padding for the trilogy. It is difficult to stretch a three hundred page book into

more than one almost three hour movie.

For the most part, however, I enjoyed the film. It was stereotypically Jackson, and if you like his style of film-making then I am sure you enjoyed the film as well. Was it a bit repetitive with the fighting and the walking and walking and fighting? Sure; but as I said, when trying to stretch a short book into a three part series I suppose one has to do such things. Regardless of all that, I would still recommend the movie if the mystical/ adventurous genre is something that you enjoy.





Songs of the Week

Staff Favorites

- 1.) *Va Va Vroom*
Nicki Minaj
- 2.) *"What About Us?"*
The Saturdays
- 3.) *"El Paso"*
Marty Robbins
- 4.) *"Turn Me On"*
Kevin Lyttle
- 5.) *"Burn"*
Jo Dee Messina
- 6.) *"Misty Moutains"*
The Hobbit Cast
- 7.) *"Red"*
Taylor Swift

Valentine's Day Playlist

- Don't Want to Miss a Thing
- Baby's Got Her Blue Jeans On
- Don't Go Breaking My Heart
- Locked Out of Heaven
- Just A Friend
- Love You Gently
- My Heart Will Go On
- I Will Always Love You
- I Wanna Dance With Somebody
- Ain't No Other Man
- Escape
- Baby Baby
- You Needed Me
- Truly, Madly, Deeply
- Still The One
- Can You Feel The Love Tonight

In History

February 6, 1952:
Elizabeth the Second becomes Queen of England after the death of her father

February 8, 1587:
Mary Queen of Scotts is beheaded

February 11, 2012:
Nelson Mandela, future president of South Africa, is released from prison after twenty-seven years

February 12, 1912:
The last emperor of China, Hsian-Tung, abdicates the throne ending over two thousand years of imperial rule

February 14, 278:
Saint Valentine is beheaded

February 16, 1923:
The tomb of King Tut is opened by archaeologist Howard Carter

February 18, 1930:
Pluto is discovered

All information obtained at <http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history>

"Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice, but for those who love, time is eternity."
-Henry Van Dyke

Your Weekly Horoscope

Aquarius- Take in a deep breath. Love is in the air as you step out your door. Maybe today will be the day you find love. As you walk by noticing the couples, you trip and fall into a puddle of mud. Still hopeful of a better day, you get up and wipe off the mud that you can. At least you are off today. Then you notice the one person you have had a crush on forever and quickly your attitude changes to embarrassment. Hoping that they don't see you, you quickly turn around to avoid contact. Too late, they have seen you; thankfully they didn't say anything about the mud. Instead they noticed the piece of toilet paper on your shoe.

Pisces- The day has come to spend the perfect day with your significant other. It will be the perfect date for a perfect day. Clear skies and a warm day will greet you. After all, the person you plan to spend your life with should enjoy it the best. Too bad for you it was only a dream and you wake up to snow and cold weather. You should probably reschedule or find something else to do. Maybe go to a movie instead; I am sure your date will understand. Unless they are cold-hearted, then you will either freeze or get an earful.

Aries- The hardest thing about love is a break up... And of all days to break up it had to be Valentine's Day. At least you have plenty of chocolate from all the creepy stalkers that live around you. Break ups lead to an increase in weight, or so I have heard. Time to change that attitude of yours and find something healthy to do. You are free now of that burden so flirt with all the attractive men/women that live near you. Take a well-deserved vacation and spend some quality time to with yourself. There are other fish in the sea, but knowing you, you will get back together with the same guy/girl you fell in love with. Even if they cheated on you six or seven times, you still see the good in them.

Taurus- The wonderful thing about Valentine's Day and any other holiday is the availability of sweets. They are

everywhere, so go out and buy some artificial, fattening candy bars. You know you will think about working it off tomorrow and never do it. But you just cannot help yourself from eating the rich chocolate in front of you. Excuses build up along with your body fat for eating the sweets. The next day comes and you are filled with regret. Why did you eat all of that chocolate? I mean a little bit would have been fine, but you ate somewhere around a hundred Snickers bars. Good luck with getting a date before next year.

Gemini- So many cards in the mail... What will you do with all of them? This is the reason you hate holidays. People make pointless cards that will end up as junk and the people who do not get cards are upset. There is no point to the holiday, but you have to put up with the countless fanatics around you. Your neighbors are the worst of all. They dress up their dog like Cupid and prepare heart-shaped cookies for their annual Valentine's Day Festival. This year you were invited again. When will they get the hint? You never attend, yet they send them to you every year. Another year alone, but at least you are not crazy.

Cancer- It is just sitting there, bright eyed and staring. Creepy as it is, the one you love got it for you. What are you going to do with it? Maybe you can put it in a corner facing the other way. Stuffed animals are supposed to be cute, but this one is horrific. How could this possibly be appealing? It has pitch black eyes with pale fur. It looks like what you would get if you crossed Chucky with a werewolf. You should be happy for the gift., but it is hard to when it could be in your nightmare tonight.

Leo- Seems like all your friends are single, so you decide to plan to hang out with them the whole day. It might be a good time, but it could also be weird. You dated one of the friends, so it might be awkward. It was not too long ago and that makes it all the more likely. You have moved on, but have they? You still get up and get ready for the day with your friends. Worried a little bit more every moment about the day, you get a phone call. It had to be them... But to your relief, they were worried too. As you

hang up the phone, a feeling of relief enters your body. Then you realize that they mentioned in the conversation they were bringing a date. Why are you all of a sudden so jealous?

Virgo- Valentine's Day is the day for love, but you cannot escape all the hate. Everyone around you is either ignorant or a complete pain. None of them seem to understand anything you say. Maybe you should lower you standards to their level. They always seem so happy, but they are also a little twisted; especially that one person who sniffs your mail. What is it with that mailman? He is so creepy; and what about your neighbor? Seems like she is always staring at you when you see her. They always make you feel like the freak, but you live in "that kind of town".

Libra- So many gifts that you did not get. Just like in second grade. You are the one person that never seemed to have any presents. There is always that one person who never gets cards, flowers or any of that. You just so happen to be that person. So I am going to move onto the next person so I do not ruin your streak.

Scorpio- You are in for a good day. Spend the day with your significant other and enjoy every moment. Be yourself and take some risks, they might work for you today. Be smart, flirt around, and have a good time.

Sagittarius- Love is a fickle thing, some days you argue and other days you get along, but it is what it is. You go through the worst of events for each other. No obstacle is big enough to come between true love, but how many people experience true love? Most just assume that they have it. True love is the experience of your life that will change what you think about love. It will be more than a word or a feeling at that point. It will be the experience of a lifetime.

Capricorn- Look around. So many people are enjoying their gushy puppy love that probably won't last long and end in a broken heart. It is hard to imagine going through life searching for that one person who fits you the best without being hurt. You might as well take a few risks and try to enjoy every moment. You only have one life to live, so live it.