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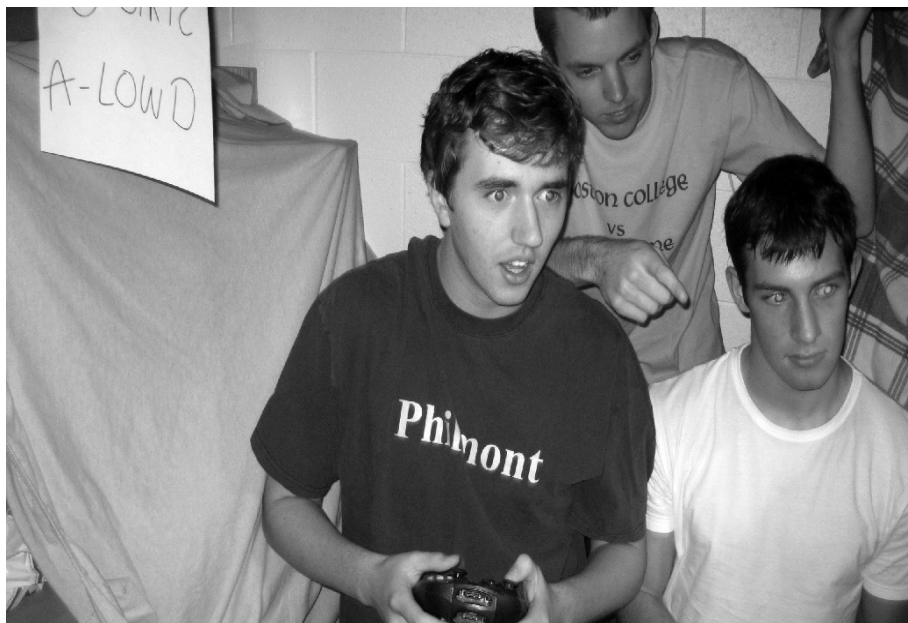


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THREE MEMEBERS OF SPERM GATHER TO DISCUSS THIS WEEK'S ISSUE: THE SALAD BAR

Men's Club to rival Women's Resource Center

A grey, vinyl ten person camping tent appeared in the Dustbowl Monday morning as a group of sophomore men made the first strides toward creating a Society for Promoting Equal Resources for Men (SPERM), a complement to the Women's Resource Center.

A wooden sign with the words "No Girls Allowed" scrawled in black paint marks the entrance to the meeting hall of the newly formed club. Senior Mark Scurvey, the founder of the club, said he decided to start the organization after he realized there is a lack of resources for men on campus. Scurvey and his five roommates built a fort in the Dustbowl to provide a safe space for men, guarding them primarily against girls.

"We are hoping to get some LOST nights started, and maybe have a monthly Mario Kart tournament," Scurvey said. "The only problem is our meeting space

currently only holds six people comfortably now that the guys decided to keep their Nerf Guns in the fort."

Scurvey hopes to hold a seminar on men's issues each week. The topics include, but are not limited to: "Is it okay to drink raspberry iced tea?" "I condition, do you?" "Ten helpful tips to winning RISK," and "Yes, there is a girl in the room, but I just can't take my eyes off FIFA."

Scurvey found the lack of a male-only organization similar to the WRC startling. He said that if the school allows co-ed flag football, SPERM should be there for men to vent about it.

"I am happy with the direction of SPERM," Scurvey said. "I hope to one day live in a world where men's needs are met just as well as woman's needs are, but I'm not talking about all that emotional bullshit." ■

Unhappy College Road residents knock down walls to make 8-man

After two months of living in Welch Residence Hall, eight sophomore girls decided they were fed-up with their current living situation and knocked down four walls to create an eight person living space.

Cate McMahon spearheaded this project last Friday night. She and her roommates Katlyn Brennan, Kristin Kelly, Colleen Fitzgibbins, Katie Haggerty, Colleen McBrien, Caitlin Coyne, and Kelly Coughlin borrowed equipment from the theater department to demolish the walls between them.

"We saw how fun the eight-mans in Walsh are and decided that it was unfair to deprive the College Road residents for any longer," McMahon said. "After putting in numerous work requests with no response, we decided to take measures into our own hands."

McMahon says they covered the sound of the sledge hammer from other residents by playing the Soulja Boy song on repeat at top volume. They then used a complex system of whistles and video equipment to determine when the Resident Assistants would be making rounds.

The rooms were previously four traditional doubles. After the refurbishment, one giant room with eight beds fills the space.

"The walls were pretty thin so we did not gain as much area as we would have liked," Fitzgibbins said about their new living space. "But we were able to section off one area as a common room. We organized the room so we can fit one bean bag chair and a television stacked on our microwave."

The girls plan on painting the room a mustard yellow to mimic the wall color of the eight-mans in Walsh. Yet, they are still unsure how to capture the unique Walsh smell in their room.

"We were hoping to install a small bathroom, but then we realized we didn't want to

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Christ tells Theology Student he should have majored in CSOM

While Sophomore Brian Clubb was waiting for his New England Classic sandwich at Hillside, Jesus Christ warned him about his future as a Theology major.

Clubb is a student in the School of Arts and Sciences who recently declared his major in Theology. He said Christ walked up next to him, unannounced, and proclaimed the Carroll School of Management provided students with better job offers after undergraduate schooling, a more specific course schedule, and the comfort of knowing there is a 75 percent chance of owning a house in the Hampton's by the age of 35.

"I was just watching Rita pile the lettuce onto my sandwich when--BAM--there was Christ in the flesh," Clubb said. "I knew there was something special going

on because he was the only man in the room not wearing a polo."

Although the Lord supposedly agreed that it is beneficial to take a course in Theology, he advised Clubb to not pursue a degree in the field of study.

"Jesus just said that a business degree is the path to righteousness and self-fulfillment, plain and simple," Clubb said. "He told me I would make at least triple the income in Finance than Theology within ten years. Christ hinted that if I really cared about his good deeds, I should try and make a good salary, then give back to the Church."

Clubb's roommate, Chris Dobleman said that he did not believe Clubb when he first heard the story.

"What are the chances the Lord Jesus

Christ would walk up to my man Brian at lunch? I thought that kid was on crack," Dobleman said. "But when Brian described Christ's reasoning for his proclamation, I realized the Lord is really here to look out for his peeps."

After his encounter with Jesus Christ, Clubb immediately e-mailed the department chair about switching into CSOM. Unfortunately, his request was too late. The school of business only takes incoming freshmen and a select few students who apply to transfer at the end of their freshman year.

"It took me a little longer than my classmates to find my calling in this world, and CSOM just doesn't understand that," Clubb said. "I had to settle for Economics, the next best thing." ■



THE ILLEGAL EGG CRATE

Illegal egg crate starts fire in Fenwick

Freshman Anthony Cipriollo did not intend to cause any trouble when he came to Boston College.

"I didn't know the foam egg crate mattresses were illegal," he said. "The Welcome Wagon workers never said a word."

Nearly a week had passed before Anthony learned of his transgression at the required freshman housing meeting with Reslife. At the meeting, members of the Residence staff lectured about such important issues such as the dangers of candles, coffee makers, toasters, and George Forman's lean mean fat grilling machines. The speakers stressed that egg crates are dangerous and highly flammable. For this reason, they are "illegal" and can be confiscated during routine room checks.

Like many students, Cipriollo chose not to heed the warnings of the Residence Director. He did not see the bedding as a serious threat.

"I figured a girl might cause a problem with her hair straightener or iron and my mattress would not be as big of a deal," Cipriollo said.

As to whether Cipriollo originally felt any guilt about this violation, he replied that he did not, and that he slept like a baby that night.

Three days later at 8:03 PM, disaster struck in CLFX. Though there is still specula-

tion as to what exactly ignited the egg crate, BCPD believes that cigarette ash is responsible. This idea is supported by the claims of the only witnesses, a handful of students who were playing knockout at the O'Connell House basketball court. These students say they noticed a "sketch" figure walking outside the building approximately 20 minutes before the fire alarm went off.

"Some kid with his hood up was smoking right outside the building and flinging ashes everywhere," said witness Sarah Welch.

Incidentally, this mystery smoker was also committing a rule violation by smoking less than ten feet away from the building, a violation that almost cost Cipriollo everything.

BCPD suspects that one of the cigarette ashes went through the open window and landed on Cipriollo's bed. Shortly after, the combustible egg crate began to burn, setting off the fire alarms and forcing the entire building to evacuate. The fire department arrived at the scene in record time and managed to extinguish the flames before they reached the handle of Rubinoff stashed beneath the bed. Fortunately there were no injuries or serious damage besides the loss of Cipriollo's flannel sheet set. The director of Reslife only had one thing to say after the incident: "I told you so." ■

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clean it," Coyne said.

Floor mate Katharine Jones has not seen Coyne or her roommates in days, saying the girls now only hang out inside their eight-man. She has also considered transforming her double into a quad, but then realized no one wants a four-man.

"We are all really pleased with how the remodeling went," McBrien said. "However, now I realize how hard it really is to live with eight girls. Colleen snores, Caitlin's makeup is everywhere, and Kelly makes the room smell like popcorn every *&%\$-ing night. For the most part, I have been staying with my boyfriend in his Roncalli double." ■



Eagle's Nest 'In a Jam'

Once a laid-back alternative to the more popular McElroy and Hillside dining areas, Eagle's Nest has become *the* place for lunch this year. Long gone are the days of relaxing breaks and serious conversation among friends. Any intelligible conversation is drowned out by the clamor of the masses during the peak lunch hours of twelve to two o'clock. The sandwich lines are longer than ever and are costing students' precious time between classes. "I waited in the Nest Specialties line for an hour. Eventually I had to leave empty handed to get to class on time," sophomore Grace Driscoll said.

No one truly knows where these extra students came from, or even more mysteriously where they ate lunch before. However, the leading theory is that the students returning from study abroad are significantly hungrier than the previous senior class. Upperclassmen have ruled out the possibility of freshmen as the cause of the problem, simply because it is too early in the year. They do predict that the presence of freshmen will exacerbate the problem once they all discover the alternate dining areas on campus around mid-November.

To compensate for the apparent influx of customers, BC has taken the short-sighted measure of adding more tables to the already overcrowded dining area. These chair-less tables provide students with a place to "sit," but do nothing to solve the greater problem of a room beyond maximum occupancy. The situation is a fire-hazard at best and a hungry student's worst nightmare.

Ironically the sudden increase in popularity coincided with drastic changes in the Eagles Nest menu and staff. The disappearance of the underrated "In a Jam" peanut-butter and jelly station disappointed a number of students and left vegetarians with an even scantier array of options. The new, friendlier staff members "don't know what they're doing," said student Kelly Furborn. "As long as my Caesar salad has enough diced tomatoes to complement the Asiago cheese, I don't care if I get served with a death look." The fact that students would rather spend half of their lunch break in line for the classic sandwiches rather than touch the new paninis speaks for itself.

The new status quo for Eagle's Nest has been established. If you want to enjoy your lunch in peace and in a timely fashion, it looks like you'll have to find a new hub...I'll see you in the Rat. ■

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Freshmen in Halloween costumes wrongly arrested for prostitution in Newton

At 10:30 PM Friday night, three female freshmen were arrested at the corner of Beacon and Hammond Street for prostitution. The freshmen, who were dressed as a bunny, a cowgirl, and a Twister board game, were not hustling, but instead waiting for directions to an off-campus party.

"BCPD apologizes for the mistake," said Jack Kelly, the officer who picked up the girls. "But if we want to keep the streets of Newton safe, we have to arrest anyone who might be a whore."

The girls were taken to the BCPD office where they were questioned for approximately an hour. Questions ranged from the whereabouts of the "party" to the lack of coordination with their different costumes.

When the girls were finally released, they retreated back to Upper Campus because they still had not heard the location of the party.

"I am seriously offended and feel that my rights have been violated," one freshman victim said. "If I want to wear a leotard and bunny ears, I should totally be able to. I avoided Late Night for days so that I could look hot in this costume and then BCPD has to go block me from getting with any Junior guys." ■



THE THREE VICTIMS PRIOR TO THE ARREST
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BC rolls out new plan for wheelchair accessibility

After years of providing students in wheelchairs with limited access to buildings and dorms, BC finally decided to make some changes. The administration proposed building a wheelchair ramp accessing Upper Campus. The current ramp has been only partially successful at aiding disabled students; the single ramp allows students to bypass the first staircase with ease, but stops on the first landing just short of two much longer flights of stairs.

Due to the flaws in the current system, students in wheelchairs must roll down Hammond St. and enter Upper through the back parking lot. This puts them at risk of getting hit by cars, chased by dogs, and arrested for smoking pot.

Wendy,* a resident of the second floor of Kostka, said that as a disabled student, she immediately encountered problems on campus.

"I had to figure out how to get all my stuff *and* myself upstairs without an elevator," she said.

Wendy also complained that her condition has become a social hindrance,

not because of prejudice or anti-handicap attitudes, but simply due to the inconvenience of visiting her friends. In order to access Upper dorms independently, she is limited to the three with elevators: CLFX, Cheverus, and Fitzaga.

"Freshman year is a critical time to make new friends, and BC's poorly planned layout makes that harder for me. I don't even consider meeting people from Medieros," Wendy said. "It's such a pain to brave the steep downhill on Beacon, the turn by the reservoir at dusk, the bumpy parking lot by Edmonds, and the roll through the Mods to get to Lower. It's barely worth the effort."

Wendy hopes that one day she will be able to use the handicap bathroom on the third floor of Kostka. Until then, Wendy says she is happy that she can finally enter O'Neill Library using the newly constructed ramp and waits along with the rest of the BC population for more changes. ■

*name has been changed to protect identity

Mrs. Weasley had an abortion

J.K. Rowling, the author of the best selling "Harry Potter" series, announced today that Molly Weasley had an abortion when she was 19.

"Mrs. Weasley unexpectedly got pregnant right after she left Hogwarts. Arthur Weasley was the father and he helped Molly make the decision to abort the baby," Rowling said.

This announcement came three months after "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" was published. Although Mrs. Weasley's abortion was not explicitly stated in the seven books, Rowling says the event is implied.

"I came up with this idea after the fourth book was published, so I had to start dropping hints beginning with the fifth book," Rowling said. "Obviously Molly and Arthur were in love, but too young and poor to start a family so soon after Hogwarts. Their guilt after the abortion was a main reason the couple decided to have seven kids. They had to make up for the boy who didn't live."

Rowling says that she felt the need to address the current debate regarding the worth of a pre-natal fetus. The seven books in the Harry Potter series deal with multiple themes including, but not limited to: friendship, man versus nature, guilt, revenge, the problem of evil, mortality, gay rights, love, mastering death, materialism, enslavement, coming of age, oppression, prejudice, education, loyalty, fortune, humility, rebellion, desire, tolerance, and magic.

Although Rowling divulged the information about the Weasley abortion, she remained ambiguous on Gilderoy Lockhart's sex change and Seamus Finnigan's immigration status. ■

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