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No one sure where Gasson gradually being shipped to

As the deconstruction of BC's famed Gasson Hall continues daily, concerns are being raised over the mysterious relocation of the stone blocks which comprise the college's most treasured landmark.

At the start of the school year, Gasson Hall had been almost entirely fenced off and was regularly surrounded by top-end industrial cranes and other, more sinister-looking equipment.

No one seems to know exactly where Gasson is going. According to campus official Ann Cho, the administration assumed the renovation agency received clearance to send Gasson away.

"Until we noticed the bells stopped ringing, no one had ever bothered to ask where, or even why. When we checked the records it turned out no one had ever even contacted a renovation agency in the first place," Cho said.

The administration's curiosity over the questionable displacement of the campus landmark increased when officials noticed that interior fixtures of Gasson Hall were being removed along with the finely crafted masonry. The latest tally of objects listed as missing include the central chandelier, the statue of St. Michael and Classical Studies professor, Reuben Geust.

Starting Monday, BCPD detective Bernie



ENVIROMENTAL POLICY CLASS ENJOYS SOME FRESH AIR IN GASSON HALL

"Snapper" Nichols will lead the investigation into the whereabouts of approximately three-fifths of Gasson Hall. Nichols is renowned for tracking down such notorious BC criminals as the Reservoir Flasher, the Vanderslicer, and the 21 Campanella Shinkicker. As for this latest mystery, Nichols already has a lead.

"Kids will pull pranks like this from time to time. A couple years back we had a student remove all the industrial-sized honey mustard containers from the kitchen in Lower Live. We're looking into whether it's connected," Nichols said.

In light of the confusion and turmoil over the possible theft of Boston College's corner-stone building, several Boston area schools have offered a helping hand in dealing with the crisis. Boston University recently announced that BC students are welcome to study at the newest addition to the city campus, the Terrier Tower, just as soon as the construction on the Gothic-style bell tower is complete. ■

Administration proud to announce Ten Year Plan to last at least four decades

The administration's increasing boredom with rearranging the layout of the dining halls and the Plex has caused university officials to scramble in order to ensure that new projects would soon be under way. After releasing the Ten Year Plan, campus officials can breathe a sigh of relief since construction is now guaranteed at BC well into the future.

"Boston College just wouldn't be the same without a construction site," said administrator Father Healy. "It has become part of our identity here in Chestnut Hill."

The plan calls for the construction of new facilities and academic buildings on main campus, as well as on the newly purchased Brighton Campus. Due to the ambitious nature of the plan, Healy said he wished they had a few million more dollars to spend.

"In today's world, there's only so much you can do with 754 billion dollars," Healy said.

The project's title is misleading since the estimated completion of the project is sometime between 2080 and 2100. Healy said he plans to garner support for finishing the

project "as soon as possible" by using the catchy motto "Construction-Free in '83!"

Though students seem indifferent, university officials are elated with the new plan.

"Since we don't have any more money to work with there isn't much to do around here," said Healy as he threw a paper airplane into a group of financial officers playing Minesweeper. "This new project will take almost a century to complete, so it's safe to say that most of us have finished our real work here at Boston College." ■

Six snowboarders fall off bar on trip to Canada

The Ski and Snowboard Club reported a record-breaking freshman trip to Quebec City last weekend. Sandy Stokes set a new record for pond-skimming, Ethan Bradley skied down a double black diamond on his hands, and not one freshman had his stomach pumped. The club also set a new record when absolutely nothing was appropriated by border police either time they passed through customs.

"This weekend was a big deal for us," club president Jet Jackson said as he knocked back a bottle of Molson. "Last year's kids were sloppy, but even with the ice luge these freshmen could hold their own. This proves the trip isn't going all downhill."

The most impressive record was that no one in the club sustained a ski- or snowboard-related injury throughout the entire trip. In fact, there were only six injuries in total when a group of snowboarders fell off the bar at popular local club Chez de Goubert. The six freshmen girls

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Police Blotter

Friday, Dec. 14, 2007

12:01 AM – A breaking-and-entering report was filed in Higgins Hall regarding an intoxicated party who had started drinking after his Biology final the previous afternoon. Three lab rats were seriously injured.

2:30 PM – A report was filed off campus regarding a BC quarterback who was swarmed by freshman girls. Reportedly, the quarterback was returning from his workout when the girls sacked him in a Commonwealth Avenue alley. No linemen were present.

11:05 PM – A report was filed in the Mods regarding a Christmas themed dance party that was attracting large crowds. An officer responded and six men were arrested for indecent exposure.

Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008

2:07 AM – A report was filed regarding a disturbance in Bapst Library; the tables were arranged in four long rows as food and silverware hovered above them. Illegal magic is suspected.

2:08 AM – A report was filed on Upper Campus regarding a snowman posing in a suggestive manner, not in accordance with the Jesuit Tradition. He was quickly dismembered.

11:23 PM – Two BC police officers were arrested for loitering outside Dunkin' Donuts. Their motive was identified as hoping to find an off-campus party without the help of the off-campus RA.



STUDENTS CLASHES WITH THE ADMINISTRATION AFTER NEW RULE BANS LEGGINGS

Students protest after BC bans leggings worn as pants

A large student rally erupted last Friday in response to the administration's new ban on wearing leggings as pants. Girls from Upper, Lower and even as far as Newton Campus joined in the Quad to protest this decree. They showed their disdain for the new rule by proudly sporting their favorite black leggings and wielding protest signs.

The administration filed this new rule last week after multiple faculty members, professors, and food-service employees filed complaints.

"How am I supposed to teach my students to be deep thinkers?" said Philosophy professor Claudius Levy. "The girls are distracted by the tightness of their leggings and the discomfort of the skin that bulges over, and the boys are distracted by the fact that the girls are not wearing actual pants. I'm sure Socrates never dealt with these issues in his classroom."

The leggings trend seemed to appear out of nowhere, though sociologists identify celebrity image, European fashion, and violence in video games as possible causes. Debate over what to do about the expanding issue has been circulating for months, as the leggings trend has become more and more prevalent around campus.

The administration has finally decided to take a stand by prohibiting the use of

leggings as outerwear. Starting January 24, violators of this crime were taken to BCPD headquarters and supplied with a pair of outdated jeans with much too big a flare. Extra policemen have been hired for the weekends to patrol Lower Campus, particularly the Mods, where the problem is most prevalent.

The stretch without leggings has been hard on many girls and male dancers, who have not taken this new decision lightly.

"We totally hate how the administration has become the fashion po-po," said freshman Elizabeth Trusconni, the elected leader and one of the organizers of the protest. "Like, what do they know? They probably look awful in leggings."

After realizing just how many students shared their grievances and after noticing that their wardrobes consisted of little beyond leggings, Trusconni and a few rally members quickly joined together and founded a club. This new organization functions as a support group for girls who jumped on the bandwagon six months too late.

While this group continues to distract the administration with their forty percent lycra attire, other students have raised the point that racial problems on campus still remain unresolved. The administration promises to address this issue once the drawer on the leggings debate has been closed once and for all. ■

Lakota Indians secede from the Union, US flag to now have only 47 stars

On December 20, 2007, the US lost three states when the Lakota Indian tribe declared its independence. The tribe, which has produced such legendary warriors as Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse, plans to establish its legitimacy by creating its own passports, driver's licenses, and Disneyland Native America.

President George W. Bush has pledged 200 billion dollars for this new civil war, citing the dangers of having a rogue country operating within US borders. The money will be directed to capturing Chief Rolling Lanes, who has been e-mailing US intelligence agencies threatening videos from the caves of Mount Rushmore.

Indeed the Lakota tribe seems to have had a history of violence against the US. Few can forget Crazy Horse's actions at the Battle of Little Big Horn in 1876 when he led the Lakota tribe to defend their village, killing over 200 US infantry including General George Custer. This memorable historic event has led some to fear that catastrophe will strike if the rebellion is not quelled.

Bush expressed his concern when he said, "The Lakota regime possesses and produces chemical and biological weapons. It is seeking nuclear weapons."

He refused to renounce the statement, even after a colleague assured him that there are no valuable oil wells in the area.

Many wonder if the Lakota tribe will be able to put up as much of a fight as the Confederate army did in the last secession. The world watches in nervous anticipation as the US military, the strongest in the world, faces off against the Lakota tribe, which has the highest death rate in the US. ■

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were dancing on the bar when one of them caught an edge, nose dived, and wiped out. Allegedly Jessica Kelsey was the first to fall and bring the others down.

"She hit the floor, next thing you know, they all got low. The whole club was looking," said witness Sophie Akrouit.

The girls were hospitalized and released the following day with minimal injuries. BC began to investigate the role of alcohol in the incident upon their return, though all six girls adamantly denied having been under the influence.

"The incident had nothing to do with drinking," said Kelsey. "Mostly we were just tired from the long day of snowboarding. The fresh powder was wicked awesome."

Kelsey maintains her stance, although an anonymous source is bringing her credibility into question. Contrary to her claim, it appears she and her friends had not been snowboarding that day at all. They were some of the few students who failed to make the 8 AM bus to the mountain due to complaints about what they claimed to be the "dramatic time difference." ■

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Dear Alice,

I've been with this guy for about two months and I really like him, but things have started to cool down. We haven't talked in the last few days, and he hasn't returned my calls. Did he stop liking me? Should I give him space? What should I do? ---Waiting in Welch






Dear Waiting in Welch,

First of all, 'giving him space' is the last thing you should do. The fact that he hasn't called back means nothing. You must assume that he couldn't hear his phone; maybe he was at a loud party or his phone was in another room. Maybe he is unaware you called him at all—we all know how faulty new-fangled technology can be. Tonight, call him anywhere between six and 10 times. If he still doesn't pick up, he probably doesn't have service, so leave a few voice mails, but make them special—remember guilt is the name of the game here. Recall the mistakes he has made throughout your relationship underlining how much they hurt you. Remind him of your vulnerability and if possible throw in a dark family secret from your past. If you don't have one, make it up! He won't know the difference. Really take your time in these voice messages; none should be shorter than five minutes.

Also, every guy loves a good surprise, so why don't you show up at his dorm with a collage of your and his baby pictures arranged side by side in cute baby couples? If he's not there, leave a note. Grab some lipstick and scrawl your most intimate feelings across his mirror and various glass surfaces. Maybe superimpose his face on a Ken doll and yours on a Barbie and give it to whichever of his roommates is around at the time. Here's an idea: gain entry into his dorm and hide under his bed. Wait several hours until he has settled into a deep sleep before you emerge. Then place your face directly in front of his and breathe heavily. Eventually, when he wakes up: SURPRISE! There you are, the love of his life!

If none of this works, your image might be the problem. Try on some fishnet stockings and lay on the lip gloss. If you don't have a lower back tattoo, henna is a temporary fix. Just don't forget to remind him that you did it for him, you did it *all* for him. ■

Five-Day Forecast

| FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY |
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|  |  |  |  |  |
| 45° /35° | 41° /26° | 41° /30° | 52° /37° | 7° /-5° |
| Hungover from last night? That's what BC sweats and oversized sunglasses are for. | It may be warm enough, but don't throw on those crocs, you should <i>never</i> wear crocs. | Will you have a Pats jersey or Giants jersey underneath your North Face? | It's not cold enough for those salt-stained Ugg boots. This is your best shot for ballet flats this week. | It's freezing so no sweatshirts today, boys. Winter coats are highly recommended. |

Presidential candidates speak out about Lakota crisis

After sending the country into a frenzy, the secession of the Lakota Indians has become a major campaign issue for the 2008 presidential election. The candidates have begun to abandon what now appear to be petty platforms on Social Security, gun control, and Mormonism in order to address the pressing issue.

Republican candidate and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee said he first noticed the strife of the Lakota Indians while visiting Mount Rushmore in 2000. He accidentally stumbled upon their reservation while looking for a Burger King. Eight years later and 115 pounds lighter, Huckabee regrets he sent them any prayers.

In a speech responding to this secession, Sen. John McCain, the only candidate alive during the first conflict, recalled memories from his childhood of the Battle of Little Big Horn in 1876 and expressed his firsthand knowledge of the dangers of handcrafted Lakota spears.

"I have personal experience with these enemy insurgents. While fighting for my country in the Indian Wars, I was captured by the Lakotas just around that river bend, my arms were tied with cornstalks, and my chest was branded with two bear paws. Other candidates cannot comprehend what we are dealing with," McCain said.

Republican candidate and former New York Mayor Rudy Guilliani responded to the secession in the same way he has responded to every other issue.

"This crisis reminds me of 9/11," Guilliani said while sitting Indian style and gazing out toward the peaceful Great Plains. "I would respond to this situation in a similarly effective manner."

While most candidates have sided with the US, actor turned politician Fred Thompson (*bubum*) announced his candidacy for the Lakota nation after dropping out of the presidential race.

Though presidential candidate Ron Paul has not voiced any support of the Lakota Indians, the tribe has taken a liking to him based on his ideas about immigration. They appreciate his proposal to deny citizenship to the American-born children of illegal immigrants, but suggest the more radical approach of applying it back a few more generations.

Democratic candidate Sen. Hilary Clinton could not be reached for comment as she was getting a face-lift in preparation for the California primary next Tuesday and her party rival Sen. Barack Obama is waiting to make a statement until the younger demographic responds. ■

'The Hills' postponed due to Writers' Strike

MTV announced yesterday that Monday's episode of its hit show "The Hills: Season 3" would be a rerun, a consequence of the strike by the Writers Guild of America.

Hollywood screenwriters took up their pickets November 4 placing popular television shows such as "The Office," "Gossip Girl," "The Hills," and "LOST" in jeopardy. "The Hills" had filmed enough episodes to last through December, but until their writers return to their offices there will be a void on Mondays at 10/9c.

"The Hills" documents the life of Hollywood it-girl, Lauren Conrad, who had more drama in her life this year than ever before. Although many actors and actresses support the writers' demands, Conrad and her cast mates are unhappy with the lack of new material.

"I understand the writers feel like they deserve a share of the money from new media sales, but I feel like they are really being too selfish," Conrad said. "I literally had to put my life on hold when they decided to strike."

Heidi Montag had nothing to say.

While Conrad continued to "work" at Teen Vogue, ignore Heidi, and cast sidelong glances at a camera that was not there, she said the strike places a burden on her social life.

"I think I was at another turning point in my relationship with Brody and no one was there to tell me if it was time to move on," Conrad said. "When we met for lunch last week, we just stared at each other for almost two hours."

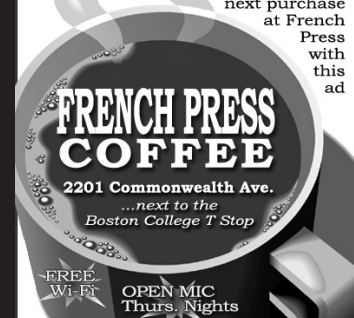
Unfortunately, this could not be condensed into a two minute scene.

Luckily, reality shows such as "A Shot at Love with Tila Tequila" and "Project Runway" are safeguarded from the Writers' Strike's actions. ■

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