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BC employs “Band-Aid” solutions

Over the past few years, BC has been heavily ridiculed for its quick-fixes to problems, but only recently has the problem come to the visual attention of the student body.

After learning that 87 percent of the vending machines were “cash only” and 93 percent of the wheelchair ramps are inaccessible, the administration chose to address these problems in a questionable manner. Instead of dipping into the school’s well-stocked restoration fund, campus crises such as these are now being addressed by plastering colossal smiley face patterned Band-Aids at the source of the problem.

The university released a brief statement hoping to clear up any questions:

“We understand some criticisms have circulated regarding the way we are handling the Gasson Tower construction, but for now we are sticking to our decision to use the adhesive procedures.”

The school’s new Band-Aid policy has also surfaced in many other areas of concern on and off campus.

“The application of these Band-Aids is not going to prevent me from throwing a party,” said Jim Beam, a junior who recently woke up to a crew of university workers applying Band-Aids to his door in the shape of an X. “I’m actually re-



OVERWHELMING AMOUNTS OF BAND-AIDS IN THE CTRC

lieved that this was our punishment. It sure beats having the 5-0 kick in your door.”

Other students have not taken the measures so lightly. Several individuals have been branded for “unacceptable performances and/or behaviors,” and stripped of their civil liberties. From marijuana offenders to student-athletes choking in critical games, the Band-Aids appear to patch up every sticky situation.

“The school has gone off the deep end,” sophomore Alex Pierre said. “My friend Ryan booted on the Comm Ave bus last Saturday night, and the driver threw a pack of Band-Aids in our direction. They were still fixed to the bus the next day and so was the puke.”

Despite a proper plan of action, the administration has pleaded with students to remain calm amidst these eye-sores and urges everyone to pray for all of those who have been stuck. ■

Sophomore found with Appalachia group after going missing

After four days of not seeing her roommate, sophomore Jean Kelly called BCPD to report a missing person. Three hours into the Amber Alert, roommate Emily Parsons was found safe with her Appalachia group, or as she called it her “AppaFam.”

“I don’t get why Jean thought I was in danger. Didn’t she see my Facebook status was ‘mad Appa love ‘08?’” Parsons said.

The confusion arose because Kelly only saw Parsons for fifteen minutes after Parsons returned from her Appalachia trip. Parsons dropped off her bag in their room and immediately left to get drunk with her group.

Throughout the week, Parsons and Kelly

failed to even see each other in passing.

“How was I supposed to know that Emily had lunch scheduled with her group on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and then dinner on Thursday, plus a Sunday brunch every other week?” Kelly said.

This is not an isolated incident. Last year five missing person reports were filed the week after spring break. None were attributed to trips to Mexico.

“Usually the ‘Appalachia high’ subsides three weeks after the last bus pulls back to campus,” said sociology Professor Harriet Teespai, who has dedicated the past thirteen years to studying this phenomenon. “Post-

traumatic Appa Disorder (PTAD) can lead to feelings of loss on Sunday nights, inter-group hook-ups, and extreme obsession with horrible pop songs.”

Parsons is now being treated for PTAD and advised to reflect upon her day each night before she goes to bed. While Kelly is worried that Parsons will spend each weekend for the rest of the semester at the exclusive Appa Mod parties, Parsons still denies that there is a problem.

“It’s not a cult if you are painting park benches,” said Parsons while humming Mariah Carey’s ‘Always Be My Baby’ and drinking Kool-Aid. ■

News In Brief

Brighton Campus renamed

Presently called Brighton Campus, the administration announced today that the new property purchased as part of the Ten Year Plan will officially be called Flutie Campus.

Doug Flutie, who the site is named after, is most famous for his "Hail Mary" touchdown pass in the BC versus Miami game on Nov. 23, 1984. Twenty-four years later, BC is still reaping the social, moral and financial benefits of these five seconds. The welcome sign to Flutie Campus will feature a large video screen playing the clip of the Hail Mary pass on a continuous loop.

Flutie Campus will also house a new BC welcome center to replace the one in Devlin, recently christened Matt Ryan Hall. ■

Blazing Bowls pulled from shelves due to connotation

Lower dining hall in Corcoran Commons no longer offers Blazing Bowls, which consists of salad in a tortilla shell, as a lunchtime menu item due to the implications of the name.

In accordance with Jesuit tradition, the school wanted to purge the campus of any items that may imply the use of drugs.

The elimination of the bowls has upset many students. Some made suggestions demanding that the meal be replaced. However, their efforts fell on deaf ears, mostly due to the lack of a suggestion box.

The salad was not the only item to be changed. Ben and Jerry's 'Half Baked' has also been removed from the shelves. ■

Peyton Manning does commercial for BC

In an effort to showcase the university's academic strength, BC has hired Peyton Manning for all ads run during athletic events.

The Indianapolis quarterback's obsession with advertising led him to agree to this five million dollar deal. The ad features Manning in various locations around BC and concludes with the usual, "My name is Peyton Manning and I'm a student at Boston College."

When asked about the sanity of the commercial, Manning's agent Alan Zucker said, "Of course Peyton isn't a college student, but none of his commercials make any sense anyway. Just no one has the heart to tell him." ■

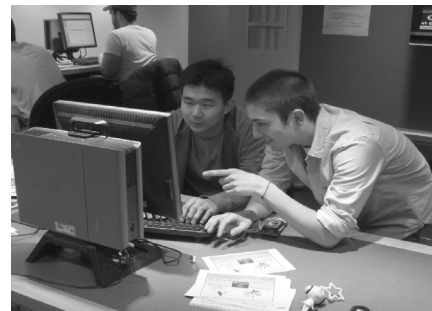
Students crack code, bypass registration time

In the depths of Merkert several students managed to crack the algorithm used to determine class registration times.

Math major Tien Wen Chang first noticed the reoccurring access code pattern while watching LOST.

"Using simple matrices, we figured out that the earlier the time was, the greater the difference between the first and last digits of the student's Eagle ID number after imputing said number into an inverse cosine function," said Mark Ahn, Chang's Numerical Methods and Scientific Computation lab partner.

The students took full advantage of their discovery and selected for themselves the classes in the highest demand. They then proceeded to sell the informa-



tion to underclassmen, students with late registration times, and the US Army.

Introductory Anthropology SC003 closed out in a record two minutes 14 seconds, and the professor would like students to please stop e-mailing him about overrides.

Codes can still be purchased on Chang's Xanga blog www.xanga.com/mathn3rdxx and payments can be made online through Paypal. ■

Nerd virus discovered by BC professor

After observing an overwhelming turnout at the ARCC (Anime, Role-playing, and Card Game Club) meetings, the spring performance of My Mother's Fleabag, and Battle of the Bands, Biology Professor Leon McKenzie started to investigate this odd Friday night behavior.

"I was working late at the lab one night when I noticed a strange virus. It was very pale, and all the other viruses seemed to want to multiply somewhere else, leaving it alone," McKenzie said.

After placing it in a host, McKenzie said he observed that this virus, later named the MTG virus after "Magic the Gathering," thrived best under the fluorescent glow of a computer screen and responded very erratically to even the lowest concentrations of alcohol.

Similar to rabies, the Nerd virus attacks the brain of its victims. It strips away all social ability and leads to drastic muscle deterioration. Common side effects include an animalistic hunger for science, Asia, and the "pwning of n00bs," a barbaric act too graphic to explain.

The newly discovered pandemic has been afflicting millions of unknowing people and Star Wars fanatics. For years BC was safe from the MTG virus, but the continuously decreasing admission rate has had a direct correlation to the expansion of the nerd community. ■

Stealth Dating plagues campus

The phenomenon known as Stealth Dating has been leaving a trail of destruction in the form of heartbroken, confused college students and love triangles more complicated than the Joey-Dawson-Pacey fiasco of the 90s.

The dating of the new millennium consists of relying on friends to fulfill emotional dating needs and weekend hookups to satisfy physical desires. The dangerous dichotomy exists in the dark corners of the Mods, lunch at Hillside, and late night texts messages sometimes as blatant as "Wanna hookup?"

Since Stealth Dating is a relatively new occurrence, sociologists are unsure of the exact cause. Research is showing that the enigmatic dating scene may be attributed to Superbad, global warming, and a general moral deterioration. ■

Administration wages war on alcohol

Last week BC declared a war on alcohol as a primary concern in the university's expansion plan. The school will now allot 200 million dollars, a mere eighth of the proposed budget, to the actual construction of buildings and hiring additional faculty. The remaining majority of the funds will go towards making BC drier than a Harvard dorm on a Saturday night.

"I'm confident that we can throw some buildings together for a couple million. A lot of inspection codes are only loosely enforced," said Father Healy.

Though the school believes that actual expansion is "pretty important," there is a much more pressing concern to retrofit the BCPD in fighting the war on alcohol.

"Those drunks won't know what hit them when we use these tanks," said Officer Jerry Berringer in reference to BCPD's the latest tool for breaking up off-campus parties. "The seven recently purchased M1 Abram Tanks are all fitted with a 105mm M68 rifle cannon, eight inches of titanium oxidized steel, and four .50 caliber machine guns each."

RAs can also finally afford intelligence gathering technology such as wire taps, fiber optic microphones to "bug" dorms, and invisibility cloaks. Additionally crop dusters have been hired to spray defoliates to obliterate the Newton Campus woods, a long time stronghold for cannabis insurgents.

When reached for comment, John Westwood the head of BCPD said, "I love the smell of napalm in the morning; it smells like victory." ■

Voices from Lower

Is a large Steak-and-cheese worth a long wait?



Giacomo Nardio,
CSOM '11

"You mean
cheesesteak?
F*ckin' skanks."



Lisa Grand,
CSOM '10

"I don't know, but
I'd wait a while for
the hot omelet guy
in Mac."



Rose Briar,
A&S '09

"That's what she
said."

Personal Column

by Zach Polito



GUTS leads to guts?

Any red-blooded American with a fuzzy memory of the Clinton scandal and cable TV can recall the splendor, the glory, the honor that was Nickelodeon's GUTS. We watched each episode confident that we did indeed have what it takes to bring home a piece of The Crag. What we didn't know was that this seemingly harmless show was actually a hot bed for the destruction of lives.

It turns out the culmination of the show, the final trek up the Aggro Crag, was much more treacherous than anyone imagined. Wikipedia listed the obstacles as including "lightning storms, rock avalanches, flying snow in the form of glitter and confetti, nuclear flying crystals, and steep walls." Shocking, I know, nuclear flying crystals.

Recent scientific research has linked this dangerous particulate matter to blindness and in some cases the growth of extra appendages. Its most alarming result of the popular television show, however, is undoubtedly the link to post-adolescent obesity.

This shocking data, now globally recognized by college students due to its appearance on Wikipedia, has led some former GUTS victims to speak out. Let's go to the leader-board of former contestants whose lives were most affected by their appearance on GUTS.

"When I learned I was exposed to these dang nuclear crystals, well I just about spilled my Mountain Dew and 10-piece wings and thighs bucket from KFC," said GUTS champion Greg "Flaco" Bromstein. As his nickname suggests, Bromstein weighed in at a mere 87 pounds in 1993, but has since packed on an additional 250 pounds earning him the new name "Gordo Greg."

The GUTS victims are now bringing a class action lawsuit against Nickelodeon and the EPA is conducting a thorough investigation of the infamous green slime.

As I think about it, maybe I never got to take home a glowing piece of The Crag, but I'm happy that I can answer question "Do you have it?" with a solid "no." ■

Earth Day

11 AM - 3 PM
Mt. Trashmore,
Clothing Swap,
Pot-your-own-grass,
Food, T-shirts,
Games, and more!



3 PM
Rally and Speakers
4 PM
Free Concert
featuring
'The Project'

4/25 in the Dustbowl

Hosted by Ecopledge

Think Green. Live Green.

Loch Ness Monster living in Reservoir

Droves of reporters, researchers, scientists, and fictional creature enthusiasts flocked to the Reservoir after the Loch Ness Monster showed its scaly tail on Tuesday afternoon.

The first to witness the epic event was Brighton resident Robbie Canino. He was walking his dog around the Reservoir early that morning when the monster popped his head above the surface to ask about the score of the Red Sox home opener, causing Canino to pee his pants.

The monster, who prefers to be called by his birth name, Peter, finally decided to reveal himself after learning that the creature from Cloverfield was stealing his thunder. Peter said he was upset because the monster from Cloverfield is not even real.

"After spending over seventy years in hiding, I thought it was about time to show that someone other than the Reservoir Flasher is lurking in Newton," Peter said. "Plus, with the success of Boston sports this past year, I'm hoping to somehow replace Wallie the Green Monster."

Next month, Peter will be featured on MTV's "Made: I want to be a mascot." He also plans to release his self-titled solo album over the summer as well his own line of perfume. His much anticipated autobiography "Legends of the Deep: Un-Loch'd" will hit the shelves in August. ■



EVIDENCE THE LOCH NESS MONSTER DOES EXIST

Feds crack down on college prostitution

In the wake of Elliot Spitzer's resignation from the New York gubernatorial position, BC is dealing with prostitution issues of its own.

It was found that the local dining hall known as The Player's Club has been operating as a front for a high-priced underground work-chain. The two rings offer services of long-term occupational planning and school-work execution. Known as the "economic junkies" and "homework whores," respectively, the two rings were set up in order to help student athletes relax and transition smoothly in and out of the university.

Federal officials began their investigation after receiving a tip off from a local bank.

"We noted extraordinarily high levels of business around midterms and finals," said Howard Mack, a spokesperson for Citibank. "I know the university has been criticized for its vastly overpriced meals, but we couldn't let this slide."

The exclusive rings kept the clients' names confidential to allow the best protection both inside and outside of the underground circle.

It was found that student athletes entered through the back of The

Player's Club and could choose from a myriad of services. Each of the ring's employees were carefully selected in order to guarantee its clients the utmost satisfaction.

The primary function of the first ring, the "economic junkies," was to arrange jobs for those not fortunate enough to turn pro. Though the prices for the top summer internships and Fortune 500 jobs were steep, most clients were advised this was a wise investment since they are not paying for school anyway.

The second ring, the "homework whores," was a more low-key group run primarily by the CSOM Honors program. It offered a popular "pleasure package" which included one full-length essay and answers to the student's midterm or final examination questions.

Suits have been filed against the athletic department and CSOM on charges of solicitation, pimping, and cooperation in illegal affairs. The section of campus around the now closed The Player's Club has become known as the "blue-light district," and all players are being advised to eat at the first table in Lower Dining Hall until further notice. ■

"Like" use serious problem

A recent Psychology study on campus shows that refraining from saying the word "like" makes speakers like 67 percent more intelligent-sounding.

Though incessant "like" use often reflects a general sense of personal uncertainty, conscious reduction of the word in everyday speech can build confidence over time. During the one-month study, "like" reduction made 90 percent of participants 102 percent more sure of themselves.

"I know that percentage barely even sounds possible, but that shows how totally insecure some people are," said Psychology major Becky Jensen. "Well not, like, totally insecure, but they're not exactly confident either," Jensen said.

The study also determined that people who never say "like" are 80 percent more likely to be taken seriously. In a campus poll, English professors agreed.

Results on "like" use correlated with last year's study on people who pepper their sentences with "um." As with "um" use, common side-effects of saying "like" include unnecessary hand-gestures and excessive hair-twirling. The study showed that saying "um" and "like" tend to go hand-in-hand, and both result in the speaker losing the attention of whoever they are talking to. According to the study, people who use um's sister-filler "mmk" have a 95 percent chance of pissing everyone off.

"I'd really like to see students change," said Psychology professor George Feeny. "Unfortunately our research showed that the people who could benefit most from these startling results are also least likely to read the newspaper, or anything else for that matter." ■