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Fight breaks out on bathroom stall

A written argument has exploded on the back of the O'Neill second floor women's bathroom stall door.

The fight broke out after an anonymous person wrote "Jesus Saves" on the door. Another person challenged the comment with a blue pen by writing, "Moses invests," underneath it.

In a black permanent marker, a third party got involved and wrote, "All you need is love." This was quickly disputed by an engraving by what looks to be a paperclip that said, "All you need is sex." Then in a random act of defiance, someone just wrote the word "Chode."

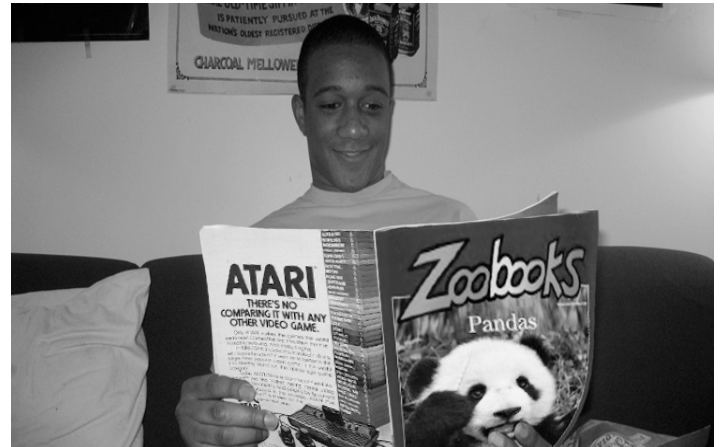
A second brawl was started on the sidelines after Beth Gooden declared her love for Kyle-Dale Franklin Walters and a second person wrote, "Sorry, I screwed him last night." A third party joined in and added, "Me too."

Police on the scene are taking samples to see if they can find the culprits to this defacement. These types of incidents raise questions as to how can people have such blatant disregard for public property, and more importantly, what type of person brings a pen into the bathroom with them.

While the two main arguments escalated into people using red pens, drawings, and what looks like to be their own feces, other comments written in the grout tried to provide comic relief. These comments included, but were not limited to: "Oscar the grout," "You wanna make grout?" "Grout and about," "Grout 66," and "Three billy grouts gruff."

Sociology professor James Van Belting has said that writing on bathroom stalls should be a minor offence if not entirely excusable. He said that it is personal expression and a very strange way to share your deepest secrets.

"I first declared I was gay in the third floor bathroom of Baldwin High School," Van Belting said. ■



ZOOBOOKS NEVER FAIL TO PLEASE

"ZooBooks" to welcome class of 2013

After learning that Duke University gave all incoming freshman a free iPod Touch, BC decided to provide its undergraduates with a free gift as well. Next year, the school plans to give every new student a no strings attached subscription to the nationally renowned publication "ZooBooks."

"We really felt like we needed to step up to the plate in terms of really sealing the deal for our new students," said Nathaniel Gipper, president of the Board of Trustees. "After all, they are paying 50 grand a year to go here. We're simply setting these students' minds aflame with the impeccably educational ZooBooks series."

According to their website, ZooBooks is the all-in-one, everything-you-wanted-to-know-but-didn't-know-who-to-ask-guide. However, issues only pertain to ages six through twelve.

"Next year, if the budget allows, we're thinking about giving each student a complimentary copy of their choice of any Elton John album," Gipper said. ■

That kid in class who talks too much, talked too much again

On Tuesday, that kid who always talks too much in class wasted everyone's time yet again. This time his incessant long-winded comments and pointless prattling riddled with pretentious discourse that was unbecomingly formal based on the situation was broken up by such a number of excruciatingly painful thoughtful pauses that many students began to feel uncomfortable.

After raising his hand in the second minute of class to discuss his concerns regarding his inquiries about the assigned paper on the Island of Rhode and to express

his opinion on how to ameliorate the structure of the professor's unorthodox teaching style, he continued to ask three rhetorical questions in a row.

Then four minutes later, that kid who always talks too much in class provided an answer to the professor's own rhetorical question in typical fashion of a lengthy soliloquy.

When Junior Margaret Atwood was answering a question about the health care transplant system in Spain, that kid cut her off to inquire details about the actual medi-

cal transplant procedure, regardless of the fact that the political science course is on policy and organizations. That kid refused to stop talking even when the professor tried to cut him off; he only took a short breath and continued with his verbal confabulation.

At this point, that kid who unknowingly makes weird noises in the back of the room redeemed himself for weeks of distracting bouts of rapid heavy breathing, potentially due to an imminent asthma attack or orgasm, when he let out an exasperated sigh with which everyone was in accordance. ■

BREAKING NEWS: BC rower found taking steroids

Not even collegiate rowing is immune to the steroid epidemic that has apparently left few sports untouched. Pat Reed, a Boston College junior, was found last week to have been taking the anabolic steroid Dianabol, which is primarily used by athletes for bulking up.

When confronted about this charge, Pat responded by saying confidently, "I am committed to making this team be the best it can possibly be, and if that meant taking performance enhancing drugs I was willing

to do it."

What is particularly shocking about this case is the fact that these drugs were hardly 'performing enhancing' at all. This is due primarily to the fact that Pat is the coxswain on the team, which is a position that is normally held by the most petite students of all.

Sure enough, while taking these drugs Pat quickly gained 25 pounds and the impact on the crew team has been alarming. While traditionally being very competitive,

the four-man team finished in dead last in a race last weekend.

The added weight may not have been the only thing hindering the performance of the team. Several rowers, for instance, mentioned that Pat's once very high-pitched voice has turned very masculine, which has really hurt the focus of the team.

Furthermore, senior rower Jordan Chase was quoted as saying, "That mustache she is growing has made it really hard to concentrate on rowing." ■

The Heights winse ferst-clahss prewfreeding aword

Boston College's premier student newspaper has wowed the campus yet again with its recent acclaim from the Associated Collegiate Press. Though The Heights has been on ACP's radar over the years, its level of mediocrity has never been as notable as it was this academic term.

The award is only bestowed to a publication whose average number of correctly spelled words falls between zero and 50 percent of the total word count. The last time ACP granted this mark of distinction was back in 1971, when the esteemed Cape Cod Community College, known fondly as "Four C's by the Sea," snagged the prize.

The Classic managed to track down Heights editor Joel Colantonio during another exhaustive editorial process for a quick comment.

"With the award money, we plan on buying new computers for the office. The ones we have now must be broken because there are squiggly red lines under a bunch of the words," he said. "This just goes to show that even if you misspell the name of your own school on the front page of your March 16, 2009 issue in a large and prominent graphic, you can still succeed in the end."

The Classic applauds The Heights staff and continues to wish them the best, from one group of well-funded professionals to another. ■

Bored? Play 'The Heights' Bingo!

Cross off the boxes when you see these commonly used phrases. When you get five in a row, you win!

<i>Promote Diversity</i>	<i>I, For One</i>	<i>Let's Face It</i>	<i>Raised Awareness</i>	<i>Matrix</i>
<i>Create Dialogue</i>	<i>UGBC</i>	<i>Foster Community</i>	<i>The Administration</i>	<i>What We Think</i>
<i>Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down</i>	<i>Bromance</i>	<i>FREE</i>	<i>GLC/ALC</i>	<i>Check Us Out</i>
<i>Jesuit, Catholic Tradition</i>	<i>Overcoming Adversity</i>	<i>Ask Yourself</i>	<i>Shed Light On</i>	<i>Articulate</i>
<i>Free Thinking</i>	<i>Emotional Event</i>	<i>Given The Opportunity</i>	<i>Victimization</i>	<i>Defining Moment</i>



-∞ B.C.
The Mods form in an event scientists refer to as the "Big Bang"



150 A.D.
The Great Pyramid of the Sun is constructed in Teotihuacan. A modular building is built on top of it where Mayan leader Chicomoztoc is known to enjoy a game of Beer Pong now and again.



1492 A.D.
Columbus discovers the Mods, brings Keystone Light back to Spain



1788 A.D.
Mod 8A successfully turned into a barbershop



429 B.C.
Pericles, king of Scythia, dies in 14A from alcohol poisoning.



942 A.D.
King Edmund I of England takes 32A from the Vikings.



1693 A.D.
Salem witch hung in Edmond's Hall, witch-hanging party follows immediately afterwards in the Mods

a brief timeline of...
THE MODS

BC reveals new plan for world domination

Last week, BC officials just realized that the expansion plans now seem to be even grander than originally realized.

“We are definitely looking past the greater Boston area,” commented James Murphy, one of the masterminds behind the project. “The larger the university is, the more prominent we will be as a center of higher education.”

The original goal was to transform BC into the foremost Jesuit institutions in the US. Now the focus has shifted to making BC the only Jesuit university in the world.

“Boston University has three T-stops named after it. Northeastern is named after the entire northeast. Harvard and MIT have a virtual monopoly on Cambridge. It’s time that BC expanded its influence as much as these institutions,” said Murphy.

BC already has a stranglehold on the villages of Chestnut Hill, Brighton, Newton, Newton Centre, Newton Highlands, Newtonland, Newtonville, and Fig Newton. With a new 20 year plan spearheaded by Murphy, BC will expand to include the entire Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. ■

March Madness no longer fun and games for mental institutions

Although “March Madness” is a fun and exciting time of year for college sports fans and gambling enthusiasts alike, it is the most dreaded time of year for the numerous mental institution employees.

“March is absolutely the worst time to work here,” said Maria Williams of the Massachusetts Mental Health Center. “I’ve got to deal with over 30 prank calls a day, and it’s difficult to remain civil with people joking about something that’s in fact serious.”

Common calls include, “I always go a little mad this time of year, can I check in for the month?” “How busy do you guys usually get in March?” and the inevitable “Yes hi, may I speak with Cray Person, middle initial Z?”

The agony extends beyond the nuthouse for many of these employees, as friends and family ruthlessly make pun after pun on the word “mad.”

“It’s the same shit, year after year,” lamented Williams, lighting a cigarette. “I just don’t know how much more I can take.”

Williams and a few of her coworkers appealed to the NCAA to change the “March Madness” title, but evidently the organization did not take seriously their suggested alternative, “March Merriment.” When asked if she thought she deserved a bump into the next income bracket, Williams immediately turned red, lunged out of her chair and attempted to strangle the life out of the first person in arms reach. She is rumored to be doing well as the newest resident at the MMHC. ■

Personal Column

As students of BC, we have traversed algorithms and axes; we have suffered through metaphors and allegories. We lived through the Age of Agoras. And now, hidden deep amongst the brush and the fresh spring sod on campus, there lies a.....portal.

Unfortunately, this portal has caused a bit of controversy lately, as students find themselves sucked in involuntarily and unable to get out. In one such case, a student was lost indefinitely to the forces of the portal. Emily* stopped at a computer in Lyons to check her email. When she opened up the internet, the portal suddenly appeared. She was immediately sucked in by bright lights and confusing buttons.

Samuel Burns was the last to hear from the student before her disappearance. With Sam’s help, the BCPD has been able to confirm the student’s official last words: “Beta. Portal. Agora.” Emily still has not been found.

In another incident, a student living in Walsh Hall was found in critical condition Friday night. Jackie* had entered the portal in an attempt to declare her intent for housing. After spending a week in the portal, searching desperately for the housing link to no avail, she was suffering grave malnutrition when she was discovered Friday night. The BCPD declared her in a state of starvation and she is currently recovering at the infirmary. Jackie is in good spirits and will soon be undergoing psychotherapy to eliminate the nightmares she is still having about the portal.

All of us at the New England Classic offer our deepest sympathies to all the victims.

*names changed to protect identity



1858 A.D.

Harriet Tubman and four other escaped slaves “bro out” in the Mod parking lot en route to escape in Canada; Tubman later refers to the event as “the most badass ride [she’d] ever had on the Underground Railroad”.



1992 A.D.

First “Strip Mod” performance done to Vanilla Ice’s “Ice Ice Baby”



2631 A.D.

The Mods are torn down in the final stages of Boston College’s “Ten-Year Plan”, announced in 2008.

1824 A.D.

Susan Cartwright becomes the 300th woman to lose her virginity in the mods.



1923 A.D.

Six Mods busted for making moonshine during the Prohibition



Room of Requirement constructed in Gasson 701

Sources have leaked that construction on Gasson Hall has ended since the completion of a Room of Requirement. Modeled after the original room in Hogwarts, the door to Gasson 701 only appears when a passerby desperately needs to use it.

BC student groups across campus have been making use of the new room for various activities. In particular, planning for the mysterious and mystical Kairos retreat has been taking place inside. No one is actually sure what goes into the planning or actual happenings within the Kairos retreat, but

everyone's pretty sure it's a lot of nothing. Rumors are that Veritaserum, a truth potion, is also involved.

Individual students have also found the room extremely useful. Junior Jenny Daniels said she has used the room multiple times to escape awkward situations.

"The other day I was walking out of class and, like, almost completely sure I saw a kid I hooked up with last Saturday night down the hall. I can't be sure because my memory of that night is pretty fuzzy, but if it actually was Nick—I mean John, or was it Nick?—

the room came in handy. I was focusing on my need to completely avoid eye contact at any costs, and the doors appeared right next to me," Daniels said.

Although BC is at times mocked for being a "backup college" for Hogwarts hopefuls, BC is certainly closing the gap between the two schools. There are currently talks of installing shifting staircases in Corcoran Commons, an enchanted ceiling in the Great Hall of Bapst library, and a Chamber of Secrets someplace secret, but most likely in Edmonds. ■

Luckily, speaker helps women meet men's standards

Last Wednesday, the Boston Misogynist Youths Helping Others (B MY HO) hosted Laura Thomas to speak in honor of Women's History Month on the disturbing trend of women's empowerment. While the event's attendance was predominately male, members of B MY HO composed a healthy portion of the audience.

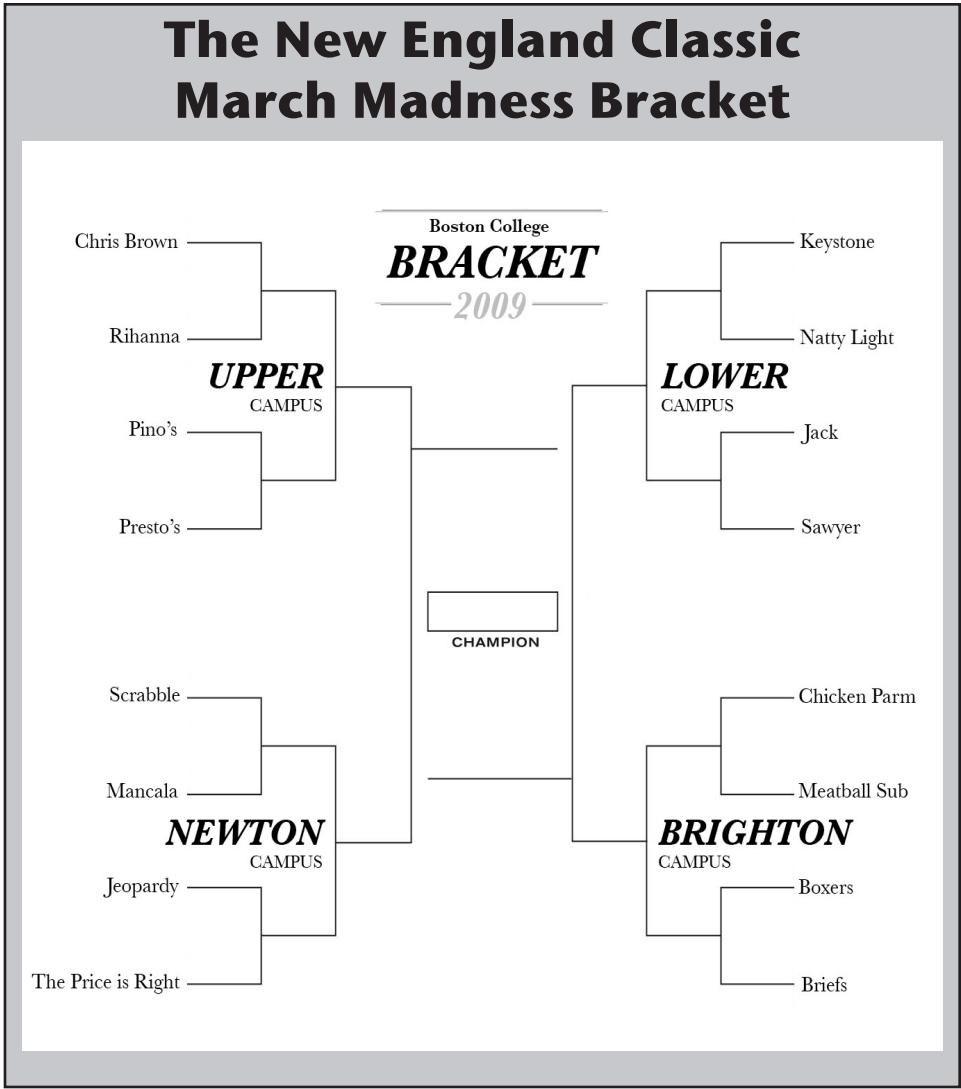
Thomas' lecture is the first in a three-part series. In her first session, she discussed the increasing need for a universal system of classifying women.

"These days rating systems are so ambiguous. What does a 7 stand for anymore?" Thomas said.

She then unveiled her new system of classification by using a diagram of the USDA Grades of Beef.

"Now, the lower five grades of beef aren't even fit for consumption by man. However, if you find yourself stuck on one of these lower rungs, you can increase your appeal with more natural measures such as botox, hair dye, and spandex," Thomas said.

BC students are encouraged to attend the second and third parts of this lecture series: "Mastering the Sandwich" and "What every woman should know: Ironing pleats." ■



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(absolutely you do...)

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