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NEWS FLASH!!!

By Rachel Senturia

Billions Survive Night

World, Feb. 1--For approximately a twelve hour span billions of humans around the world survived a most harrowing experience: the undeniable darkness that is night. Many sought the refuge of their beds, while others had to make do with cardboard boxes and shopping carts. Authorities report no deaths and only three casualties. Manny Villanueva of the police department declared, "A major crisis was averted. It's really a miracle we lived to tell the tale." Night has been known for its deviousness. Fortunately, there were no stubbed toes, slipper disappearances, or wet beds. Perhaps the most phenomenal event of the hours was the awakening of billions from induced states of severe unconsciousness and coma. "I knew the human population could do it, if we really put our minds to it" added Villanueva, "It's a real leap forward for us."

Wawa Sandwich Composers and Subway Sandwich Artists Fight Over a BLT

Philadelphia, P.A., Feb. 4--Another fight broke out late last night between the local Wawa sandwich makers and those employed at the University of Pennsylvania Subway. Apparently, Wawa employees accused Subway of stealing their plastic film turkey. The University contends that the plastic film turkey was not stolen, but in fact came from the dining hall adjacent to the Subway building complex. Local police described the fight as more of a show than anything else, and thus delayed their steps to break it up. According to one officer, the employees from both establishments were having BLT-making relay races. He added, "I was kind of getting hungry watching it." Public opinion on this battle was varied. One onlooker, a Wawa rooter, said, "You know, I was all seeing my girls there, making them sandwiches, and I was like uh-huh, yeah-hea, that's right..." Further comment was unavailable as she had suddenly burst into ghetto booty shakin' dance. On the other hand, one observer, a Penn student, remarked, "I really have to side with Subway on this one. I've eaten at dining, and I know about plastic film. It definitely came from dining. There's just no question about it." Fortunately, sandwich consumption has not been affected by the skirmish.

AIM Censors LOL; Conversations Come to a Halt

Internet, Feb. 12--In a startling move by AOL/Time Warner, the expression "lol" has been declared indecent for public usage and censored from AIM conversations. When one types in "lol" the phrase "I am laughing, if only there was some way to express myself quickly" pops up into the Instant Messenger window. A spokesman for the company related the elimination of "lol" to the f-word. "The f-word is so common now. Everything is f***ing this and f***ing that. In a similar vein, lol has become too common, popping up in everyday speech. Less is really more." Yet, teeny boppers all over the Internet are having difficulty communicating, much less speaking. Laments one girl in between sobs, "I, like, totally cannot have a normal conversation with my boyfriend. That's why he broke up with me. At first I was like totally loling because I thought it was a joke, but, like, he was serious or something." Since the fiasco, online conversations have almost stopped altogether, indicating the extreme usefulness and detailed descriptiveness of "lol." The move has already cost AOL millions of dollars in advertising, but the company is holding steadfast to their implemented change. Another spokesman declared, "AOL/Time Warner is trying to be more moral in a day when businesses are being extremely immoral. We are saving our youth." However, accountants were not available for comment.

HOMELAND SECURITY RAISES THREAT LEVEL: ANNE MICKLE GIVES PRACTICAL ADVICE TO STOUFFER

As you know, the Department of Homeland Security raised the terrorist threat level from "elevated" to "high." Although we have no reason to believe that anything will happen at Penn and we do not want anyone to panic, here are some things to think about as we try to cope through these extraordinary times.

First, we are confident in the University's emergency plans to handle a wide range of situations, and we have strong lines of communication with Public Safety and other partners across campus.

Second, if it makes you feel more comfortable, there are a few simple steps you can take that make good, common sense at any time:

- Keep a few extra bottles of water on hand
- Keep a handful of power bars or snacks that do not have to be cooked
- Keep a flashlight, a battery-operated radio and extra batteries on hand
- Keep the phone numbers of loved ones handy
- If you are told to evacuate or experience a fire drill, put on a coat and hard-soled shoes, and bring your Penn ID with you.

Finally, if you are feeling particularly anxious, please talk to your GA, Phil, me or call the Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) at 215-898-7021.

SAFEZONE:

WHAT IS IT AND HOW CAN YOU BENEFIT FROM IT

By GA Lisa (126B)

Some of you may have seen something new on a few GA doors recently. I, for example, have a small yet stylish emblem on my door that says, "safezone: Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer Questioning Ally." Look around -- a bunch of GAs and staff members have them on their doors too. We're part of a pilot program that is designed to help all of you.

If a person has a SafeZone sticker on their door, they've been trained to be a resource to you and an ally to the LGBT community. We'll provide a non-threatening, comfortable space for you to talk. If you're queer or questioning or just interested in these issues, you can come to us. If nothing else, a SafeZone volunteer will be sensitive to your concerns, listen without judgment, and protect your confidentiality. If you want more information or more resources, the SafeZone volunteer will help you out. That volunteer can provide you with that information, direct you where to get it, or even be a liaison between you and the LGBT center. (As a related point, the LGBT center is an amazing place staffed by knowledgeable and caring people. Go check it out sometime. Or go right now.) Even if you don't consider yourself part of the LGBT community, but you have questions or would like to discuss some of the issues, you can stop by one of our rooms.

Now that I've succinctly summarized what the SafeZone program is, you might ask yourself how so many GAs got involved. In fact, you're most likely saying, "Why Lisa, you're so amazing and so busy already, why would you sign on for more? Is there no end to your compassion?" Fear not, worried Stoufferites, I have plenty of time for good programs like this one. Every SafeZone volunteer went to training sessions over break to prepare. None of us are experts, none of us wrote our dissertations on LGBT issues (at least, I don't think so), but we all care about these issues and most importantly, we care about you. The training just gives us the appropriate tools to hopefully make your life a little bit easier. Questions? Go test out SafeZone and talk to someone with the cool new emblem.

**BETTER THAN YOU IN EVERY CONCEIVABLE WAY:
INSPIRING CONTROVERSY BEFORE HE RETIRES JERSEY**

By James Schneider, ST Editor and King Among Men

*It was a day ending in day, the mood was right, the tone was set, and a whole mess of people were hanging on my every word. **Where?** I'll tell you where: someplace warm, a place where the beer flows like wine, where beautiful women instinctively flock like the salmon of Capistrano. I'm talking about Asssspen...I mean Stouffer College House.*

This aggression will not stand, man. Resident Hottie Beth has sat atop the perch of Dorm Hot status, unchallenged for months. A contender, a Dorm Vixen in her own right, stands in between Hagovsky and her goal of unopposed Hot-ossity. Having bestowed the delectable beauty with the aforementioned title, I feel the necessity to create an EITHER/OR competition judged by the members of Stouffer.

Using highly accurate statistical methods; namely guesstimating and fake-polling, I will cull the results from the depths of my ass, and award one of these two – or any other challengers worthy – with the title of Resident Goddess.

Even more desirable than the Hottie or Vixen titles, there reigns the appellation of Goddess. Behold young ones; this dictionary speaks of our nouveau-competition:

god·dess   **Pronunciation Key** (gŏd'ĭs) *n.*

1. **Goddess** A female being believed to be the source of life and being and worshiped as the principal deity in various religions. Used with *the*.
2. An image of a female supernatural being; an idol.
3. A woman of great beauty or grace.
4. Resident Hottie Beth/Dorm Vixen Laurie

So, it is up to you, lads and lasses of the faith known as Stouffer, to crown your Goddess. Some of you GAs have likely scoffed at the Resident Hottie title, owned by Beth, claiming your own pulchritude superior to my Semi-formal dance partner...uhhh, in the words of Steve Jacobs at Steering, “How can I rig a tournament?” Anyways, so this Goddess, this resplendent supple babe of epic fame, who will she be?

Last week Noelle suggested herself as Goddess, claiming, “It's funny. I can look back on a life of achievement, on challenges met, competitors bested, obstacles overcome. I've accomplished more than most chicks, and without acting like Hottie Beth. What... What makes a Goddess, Mr. Schneider?”



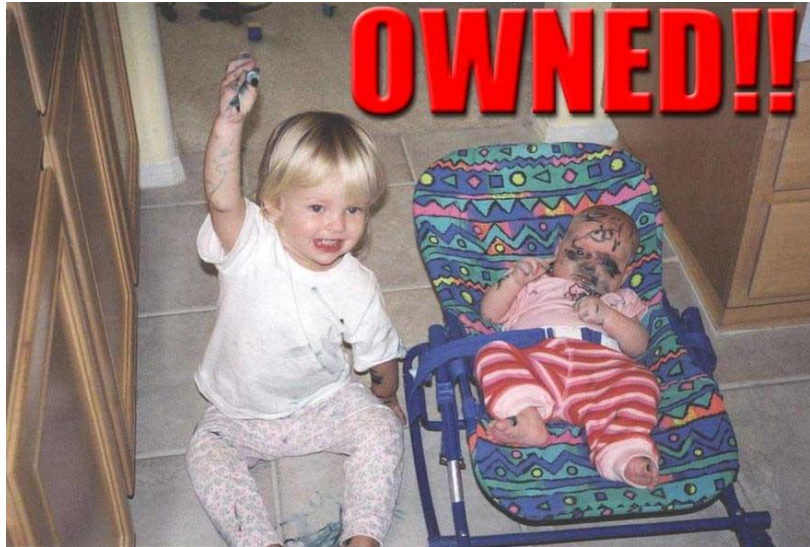
**I apologize to you, my maternal unit
I never had the intention to damage your structure
I never had the intention to cause you
to shed a tear of sorrow
But this fine evening, I am removing the rubbish
from the space in my residence where I
store my garments**

What indeed should the Goddess possess?

Judge for yourselves, email me, and I shall compile the statistics with more dexterity and couth than any anti-smoking committee. Be impressed, for pie charts shall unfurl like a red carpet before their eyes. JSCHNEI2@sas.upenn.edu

YOU'VE BEEN OWNED, NOW PRESS ON: GAMBLING ADDICTIONS ARE A SERIOUS MATTER

By Steve Jacobs



"Listen, here's the thing. If you can't spot the sucker in your first half hour at the table, then you are the sucker." (ALL QUOTES FROM ROUNDERS)

Listen, here's the thing. Playing poker is not just about money or just about the thrills of gambling (though those are considerable). Playing poker is an exercise of the senses. Reading faces and guessing cards from sheer raw ability to understand you poker buddies is as necessary a life skill as writing a successful essay. Penn prides itself for giving a well-rounded liberal arts education to all its students. I contend that no one can claim such an education to be complete without first learning and playing a game of poker with some degree of skill. To make this possible, there will be a Stouffer World Series of Poker (SWSP) and everybody is invited to participate. Playing is free, and there will be great prizes. The game being played will be no-limit Texas Hold'em. A training session will take place beforehand for those who do not know the rules, everybody will get a certain number of chips, and we don't stop playing until one person has them all. I intend to show how poker skills permeate all aspects of life, and why you should come out for the SWSP!!!!

"I learned it from you, Mike. You always told me that this was the rule -- rule No. 1 -- throw in your cards when you know you can't win. Fold the hand."

I've included this quote just to show another way in which life can echo a game of poker. Mike's girlfriend is dumping him, citing Mike's excessive poker playing. The lesson she doles out echoes in the heart of every serious poker player who lost big on a hand they had no business playing, and every person that endures losing situations in their daily life with little effort to "fold" them.

"You can't lose what you don't put in the middle ... but you can't win much, either."

As I said earlier, poker is not simply about money, but insofar as money is involved, these are important words for not just every gambler but also every person to live by. With no risk in life, no gain is possible.

"I wasn't unlucky, I got outplayed. I got outplayed that time. But I know I'm good enough to sit at that table."

People insist on calling what we do nightly in 266F gambling. Poker is a skill game like Chess or Foosball. If I lose consistently, it's not a run of bad cards, its being outplayed on a nightly basis. I invite everyone to learn this first hand and come out to the SWSP. I expect 100% participation because after all, your Penn education is not complete without at least experiencing a poker game.

TOP 5 REASONS WHY JAMES IS BETTER THAN ME

A TEAR DROPS MY EYE...

By GA Bob

Okay, so there's been some recent confusion as to who is better than whom within the hallowed halls of Stouffer. I don't know what all the hullabaloo is about; if I can admit that James is better than me, then you can all admit that he is better than you, too. It's easy if you examine the situation logically; I say, just make a list like me and then it will all become abundantly clear to you. It's okay if it takes you awhile to come around, James is a patient man and that is the first reason that he is better than both you and me.

2) The kid kicks maaaaaad game. I mean come on, ex-GA Jen Felton, Resident Hottie B and yes, he even has time for a girlfriend on the side. Not bad my friend, not bad at all.

3) He's taller than me. Despite that which all of you self-delusional men might want to convince yourselves of, size does matter.

4) He got into Penn. Okay, so I made it into a graduate school but that is definitely not the same thing. I've been reading application files for the undergraduate admissions office now for about a month and this place is really tough to get into! I think I might have turned down a Pulitzer Prize winner last night. And yes, it was me who thought that Mary Kate should be admitted but Ashley had to get the boot. It's so obvious MK has been carrying the act since the 2nd season of Full House. Anyway, my point is it's hard to get in here and I never would have had a shot out of high school. Now I'm in the same building and the same university as James and it's taken me 5 more years than it's taken him! Wow, he's got a 5 year head start. So yeah, it definitely was not me who recommended that your sister get rejected this year James, it was the other guy who's jealous of you in the admissions office. Anyway . . .

5) The Stouffer Tribune. I only wrote this one little piece and James writes stuff all the time. And he works hard to solicit articles from everyone; it's pretty easy to just shoot off an e-mail with something that you wrote in 5 minutes (not that that applies in any way to what I'm doing here) and voila, you're a published author. Also, most house publications come out but once a semester at best and are typically only a page or two long. I've had probably 50 pages worth of quality . . . well 50 pages anyway of ST shoved under my door this year. In short, and to hammer the point down for the millionth time, if you have a problem with the Tribune, write something for it and you will therein become a catalyst for change. Oh yeah, and if James were a contributing writer to this piece, I'm sure he'd invoke the immortal words of Kelly LeBrock in the old-school Clairol commercial, "Don't hate me because I'm beautiful." Speaking of Old School, I'm late for the movies and I can't wait to see that guy who plays the cheerleader in Saturday Night Live. Have a good night and a pleasant tomorrow.

2nd/3rd Month Bearing-of-Child Days That End in Day

FEBRUARY

Erin O'Brien (11)
Erika Kraus (16)
Kimberly Ku (17)
Dana Hobbs (20)
Jayanth Komarneni (21)
Neha Shanbhag (22)
Tammy Meister* (24)
Former GA Jen Felton (25)
Nathaniel Herr '02 (25)
Brett Martz '01 (25)
Mark Tyson (25)
Michael Brozman (26)
Joshua Furman (28)
Sooyun Kim (28)
Neville Ryant (28)

MARCH

Keren Friede (2)
Kathy Totoki (2)
Julia Lee (2)
Lisa Kutzing (4)
Nathan Moffie (5)
Victoria Pak (5)
Elizabeth Kreidman (6)
Zachary Gleser (7)
Gerard Joseph (7)
Ruthana Seng (8)
Catriona Revell (9)
Tyler Shapiro (9)
Charlene Thambinayagam (9)
Joseph Louie (14)
James Houston (15)
Andrew Wilkowski (15)
Eugenia Wu (15)
***Resident At Heart**

**"A One that Isn't Cold, is Scarcely a One at All" ~
Strong Bad,**

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FELLOWS' NIGHTS 2003!

Contact Josh at Jslatko@pobox.upenn.edu for questions.

Mar. 6th - Thomas Childers

Mar. 20th - Mark Lloyd

Apr. 3rd - TBA

Apr. 17th - Dennis DeTurck

WANT TO BE PART OF ST???...IT'S AS EASY AS:

SORORITY GIRLS...YOU HEARD ME. ALL PEOPLE SHOULD SUBMIT!

My email address, Jschnei2@sas.upenn.edu, is getting a fair amount of use these days. I appreciate the new contributors, and as always the old ones. Keep up the hard work, unless you are a slacker. Don't.